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# Kremlin lifts obstacles to early summit

## Hopes rise again with Shevardnadze trip

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Kremlin signalled in the strongest terms yesterday that reservations about a third summit between Mr Mikhail Gorbachov and President Reagan have been dropped, and it now expects a meeting to take place before the end of 1987.

A Kremlin spokesman, outlining the programme for Mr Eduard Shevardnadze's unexpected two-day visit to Washington, repeatedly told Western reporters the summit would now take place before the end of the year, but gave no date.

Mr Boris Pyadyshev, deputy chief of the Foreign Ministry's Information Directorate, denied that there had been any change of heart by the Soviet side following Mr Gorbachov's refusal last week to attend a summit unless "key provisions" were going to be set at the meeting for cutting strategic weapons and limiting the Star Wars programme.

But senior Western diplomats saw Mr Shevardnadze's hastily-arranged visit, plus the newly conciliatory tone adopted by Mr Pyadyshev, as clear indications that, as one put it last night: "Mr Gorbachov has chosen to row back rather than miss his summit of opportunity."

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Because of the lack of convincing explanations for the sudden revival of summit hopes that were dashed last Friday, there was also speculation that the apparent indecisiveness of the Soviet approach signalled differences inside the Kremlin about the future direction of foreign policy.

Persistent rumours have been circulating on Moscow's diplomatic circuit that these differences came to the surface during a plenary meeting of the Communist Party's Central Committee last week.

Mr Pyadyshev, who was forced to field a barrage of probing questions because of the absence in Prague of Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the chief Kremlin spokesman, attempted to deflect all suggestions that any Soviet climbdown had been involved.

At one stage, he gave as a reason for the way suddenly being cleared for a third summit as agreement from the US to discuss both strategic arms cuts and the future of the 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty.

But the spokesman also claimed that the sudden decision to send Mr Shevardnadze to Washington resulted from the Kremlin's reluctance to lose momentum in the near-completed talks to seal a historic treaty eliminating medium and shorter-range nuclear missiles.

Mr Pyadyshev repeated claims that such a treaty could be finalized in two to three weeks. "One week has already gone by," he said. "So we must move quickly since completion is near. It is important to keep up the tempo. This is why the Soviet leadership decided to send Mr Shevardnadze to Washington."

In Western embassies, there was a conviction that Mr Gorbachov had been dismayed by world reaction to the failure of last week's Moscow talks and had decided to swallow his diplomatic pride and try to rectify the situation.

Although diplomats believe that some hint of American concessions may have been made by the US Ambassador, Mr Jack Matlock, during his talks with the Soviet Foreign Minister on Tuesday, there was agreement — and not some little satisfaction — that most diplomatic face had been lost by Moscow.

● **WASHINGTON:** Mr Shevardnadze was due to arrive in Washington just after midnight for critical talks today that the White House hopes will lead to a summit before the end of the year (Christopher Thomas writes). The first week of December is regarded as the most likely time.

President Reagan adopted a "wait-and-see" attitude, reflecting the sense of uncertainty since Mr Gorbachov suddenly backed away from a summit unless President Reagan agreed to make concessions on his Strategic Defence Initiative.

Mr Shevardnadze brought a letter from Mr Gorbachov to Mr Reagan. White House officials responded cautiously to reports from Moscow that the Kremlin is now ready for an early summit, saying that they would wait to see what Mr Shevardnadze had to say.

Asked yesterday if he had heard the reports, Mr Reagan remarked: "Nope. I'm going to wait until tomorrow and find out. We have not fixed a summit at all."

The State Department said: "We have not fixed any dates. We don't have any dates on the table."

If a summit is held, the centre-piece will be the signing of an agreement banning medium and shorter-range missiles. The treaty is now almost completed.

Mr Shevardnadze meets Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, this morning and goes to the White House this afternoon. Mr Reagan is due to travel to Phoenix, Arizona, afterwards to attend the funeral of his mother-in-law.



Mr Shevardnadze: Critical meetings in Washington.

# Iranians seek Irish asylum

Sixteen Iranians left a Moscow-bound Aeroflot flight at Shannon airport yesterday and asked for political asylum.

Four Iranian families consisting of four men, four women and eight children, were questioned by Irish immigration officials after breaking away from the other passengers on the plane .

The Aeroflot Ilyushin landed at Shannon airport at 7.30 am en route from Havana. The 165 passengers left the plane and were in the transit lounge as the plane was refuelled.

The 16 well-dressed Iranians left the group and approached Irish officials, indicating they did not want to fly on to Moscow. The plane left without them three hours after landing.

One immigration officer said: "It seems they did not want to travel on to Moscow and this was the first chance they had to get away."

It is understood that the Iranians had been in Cuba for industrial training. The incident brings to 27 the total number of Aeroflot passengers who have left their planes at Shannon and sought asylum.

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# Foreign predators wait to make the big kill



Hour of decision: Mr Nigel Lawson leaving the House of Commons last night before making a statement on the BP share sale. (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance)

## Japan and US stake claim on BP shares

By David Young and Robin Oakley

Overseas predators were reported last night to be stalking the BP share issue as Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, delayed making a statement on whether the biggest-ever share sale in world stock market history was on or off.

The world financial community is now faced with holding a third of the company. It has underwritten the £7.5 billion offer and the Government has already guaranteed its £6 billion from the proceeds and BP £1.5 billion if the sale goes ahead.

BP has consistently said that it would not mind around 25 per cent of its shares being held abroad. However, it emerged last night that one large Japanese institution, Nomura the world's largest investment house, may be prepared to step into the markets this norning and pick up all of the shares left with overseas underwriters.

That would effectively give it 15 per cent of BP, Britain's biggest company and now third in the world league table of oil companies since its own takeover of Standard Oil in the United States. However, if Nomura behaves according to precedent it is likely to buy the shares to trade on the market and take quick profits.

Nomura, as one of the leading Japanese underwriters to the offer — it has underwritten the bulk of the shares on offer to Japanese institutions — is officially inhibited from making any comment on the BP share sale until after trading is officially started at 2.30pm if the orginal share sale schedule goes ahead and would make no comment yesterday.

The Government has always been aware that large Japanese investors want huge stakes in BP, but the tender offer element of the sale was designed to ensure that any large holding built up in Japan would not move quickly back on to the London market once the shares started rising or falling dramatically.

Any large holding by Nomura would not be covered by that arrangement and sudden selling by the Japanese to take any slight profit available over the next few days would have a depressing effect on the market as a whole.

There have also been suggestions that BP's main competitor in the US, Exxon, may be interested in picking up large trauches on BP stock today if the Chancelor gives his go-head for the sale.

Mr Lawson kept London and Wall Street waiting yesterday by first announcing in the Commons that he was delaying his promised statement on whether the sale should go ahead until late in the evening.

His excuse was that the had still to continue discussions on the issue with the Governor of the Bank of England, Sir Robin Leigh-Pemberton, who had returned from an official visit to the Eastern Bloc to act as a mediator in discussions between the Treasury, BP and the underwriters led by the merchant bankers, N. M. Rothschild.

The undewriters stand to loseabout £1 billion as well as being left with 2,194 million BP shares that they have paid 330p for when the market price last night was 259p.

The Bank's role is purely advisory. It is Mr Lawson's decision alone as to whether the share sale should go ahead. While the 400 London institutions who have underwritten 50 per cent of the offer have spread their risk the remainder is held by only four banks in the US, three in Canada and five in Japan.

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Mr Lawson has also been under strong inter-governmental pressure from the US and Canada to halt or modify the sale because of the effect it will have on stock markets as the financial institutions sell other shares to raise the cash to meet their positions.

The Government had hoped that the new breed of small investors it had created through its privatization programme — which has enabled many to make quick profits in the City — sould pur over £3 billion into BP.

However, the biggest share sale in the world history became the biggest share flop in thr wake of tumbling world markets. Only an estimated 200, 000 small investors have applied for shares and they have bought on average 1,000 each.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, were strongly pressed in the Commons yesterday to reduce interest rates in an attempt to stabilize stock markets.

Meanwhile the British Government is maintaining strong pressure on the US to reduce its budget deficit.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Lab-

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# Mandatory curbs on M-way speed may be imposed

By Rodney Cowton and Ian Smith

The Government is considering making temporary speed limits on motorways mandatory after the accident on the M61 near Preston on Wednesday in which 12 people died.

Mr Peter Bottomley, minister for roads and traffic, said he would be having meetings with the police and if they believed that they could enforce mandatory signs "we will obviously make them mandatory".

Wednesday's accident occurred when a tanker carrying diesel fuel ran into the back of vehicles which were slowing down as they approached roadworks. Eye witnesses suggested that motorists were ignoring advisory speeds of 60mph and 30mph which were being shown on the automatic matrix signs in the central reservation.

There was another serious pile-up yesterday, involving 30 vehicles, though not on a motorway. They included a lorry carrying 60 drums of highly inflammable methylated spirits, in Nottinghamshire. Six people were injured.

On the M6 in Cumbria one person was killed and four injured in a crash involving two cars and a van.

Mr Brian Johnston, Chief Constable of Lancashire, said that he supported the idea of mandatory speed limits at motorway repairs, but he also called for changes in the law to allow the evidence of cameras, which can record a vehicle's speed, to be used in prosecutions.

The use of speed cameras was also supported last night by the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety.

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Mandatory speed limits are used at motorway repair sites, though still on a small scale. Those, however, are designated not by the matrix signs, but by ordinary speed limit signs.

The limit is shown on a circular white background with a red edge, and figures in black.

The first experiments with mandatory limits were carried out on the M1 in 1984 and

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# London shares stage a rally

By Kenneth Fleet and Michael Clark

The London stock market yesterday enjoyed its best performance since the collapse in world share prices started almost two weeks ago.

The better mood was influenced by expectations of a helpful government compromise over the BP sale and subsequently by a solid performance on Wall Street. Though no one was tempted to start singing *Happy Days are Here Again*, both markets were talking of support levels.

The FT 30 share index finished the day 14.9 points higher at 1,303.4, and the broader FT-SE 100 rose 23.6 to 1,682.The Dow Jones industrial average ended another short day 91.51 higher up at 1,938.33.

There was no respite for the dollar, which continued its slide despite a big support operation in which the Bank of Japan alone bought $1 billion (£580 million). Against the mark the dollar closed in London at DM1.7285, after touching DM1.7180. It dropped against the yen to Y137.63. The pound also rose against the dollar — by 1.45 cents to $1.7230 — but fell against the mark.

M Edouard Balladur, the French finance minister, called for an urgent Group of Seven meeting to strengthen the Louvre agreement and to improve the co-ordination of interest rates. Money market rates were easing yesterday and though bank base rate cuts did not materialize a reduction is still confidently expected.

Despite easier stock markets in the Far East, London opened better. Turnover remained thin however, and attention was concentrated on quality stocks. Shares with solid yields and boasting strong asset backing were singled out for particular attention. There were even a few sightings of American buyers after Wall Street's firmer opening.

# Tebbit refuses to stay on as caretaker

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Norman Tebbit, the outgoing Conservative Party chairman, has ruled out staying on as a caretaker while the Prime Minister decides on his successor.

As Mrs Thatcher went back to the drawing board yesterday after the surprise withdrawal of Lord Young of Graffham from the race, at least a dozen names were being discussed by Conservative MPs as potential candidates.

Although the assumption was that she might appoint a stopgap from outside the Cabinet, there is strong support among backbenchers for appointing a minister of Cabinet rank to do the job Mrs Thatcher had hoped Lord Young would have.

Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, and Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Employment, were both being canvassed hard by parliamentary colleagues who believe they could do the job in addition to their present responsibilities.

Mr Tebbit, who returned yesterday from a visit to the United States, is anxious for Mrs Thatcher to make a quick decision. He has cleared his desk at Central Office and takes up the first of his new business appointments on Monday.

Mrs Thatcher may not now announce her decision until next week, according to Whitehall sources. She had intended to appoint Lord Young on Friday. But his refusal to accept her terms for holding both the posts of chairman and Secretary of State for Trade and Industry has meant that she has had to reconsider the whole issue.

She had hoped that Lord Young would shed some of his most sensitive trade and industry responsibilities to meet the objections of some Cabinet ministers who felt there would be a conflict of interest.

But he refused at two separate meetings with the Prime Minister, a decision regretted by Mrs Thatcher.

Among those ministers being mentioned as stopgaps are Mr John Cope, Minister of State for Employment, Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, Mr Peter Brooke, the Paymaster General, and Mr David Mellor, Minister of State, Foreign Office.

# Tale of war and romance wins Booker Prize

By Philip Howard, Literary Editor



Penelope Lively: On the short list twice before

Penelope Lively was awarded the Booker Prize for fiction last night, British literature's equivalent of the Grand National or the football pools.

The prize, for *Moon Tiger* (André Deutsch, £9.95), is worth £15,000, and a great deal more than that in increased sales and enhanced esteem.

At the presentation dinner at London's Guildhall, the judges commended the winner: "This compact and beautifully controlled novel is an exciting story of war and action, which is also a modern love story written without sentimentality: a splendid and moving achievement."

They had taken two-and-a-half hours and stern argument to reach their judgement.

Penelope Lively is one of Britain's leading novelists and short story writers, and has written many good children's books. She has been on the Booker short list twice before, in 1977 for *The Road to Lichfield*, and in 1984 for *According to Mark*.

*Moon Tiger* has looked a likely Booker Prize winner since it was published in the spring.

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Claudia Hampton, an old pop historian, clever and outspoken and difficult, lies dying in hospital. She thinks of writing a history of the world, the whole works this time, to round things off; but what we get is the story of her life.

Through her fragmented memories, and the voices of her family visitors, cunningly cross-cut and caught in flashbacks, she tells the story of her turbulent times. The key figure in her life cannot come. He is the young tank officer Claudia briefly loved during the Alamein campaign, when she was stationed in Cairo as a war correspondent.

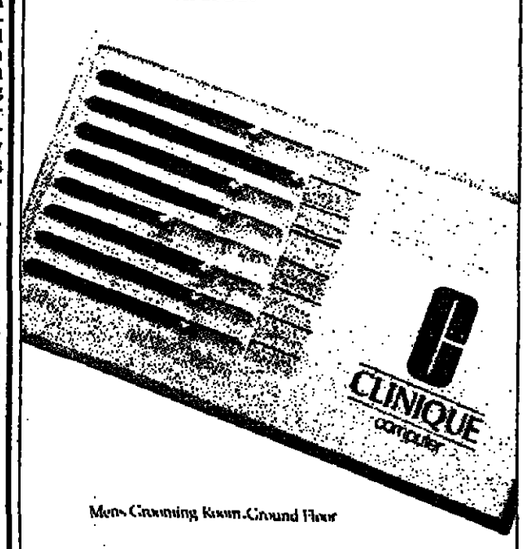
He was killed, and Claudia lives on to remember fitfully and obsessively her lost lover, for ever half her age, who was picked off by history. The background to their brief affair was Olivia Manning terrain in wartime Cairo.

The Moon Tiger of the title is the mosquito repellent that burned beside their bed in the Winter Palace at Luxor. The war scenes are as brilliantly done as the love scenes. This is a realistic, tart

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# Shots are fired at power engineers

The South Eastern Electricity Board yesterday claimed that one of its engineers had been shot at and others threatened as they struggled to restore power supplies to irate customers after the storms.

Mr Peter Phipps, a management adviser with the board, said: "One man was shot, with the the lights in his van shot out. One engineer asked to trim back a willow tree and the chap in the house threatened to pour paraffin over him."

He said that an incendiary device had been thrown at an electricity showroom in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and a second hurled through another shop at Crawley, West Sussex. Mr Phipps said that a task force of 4,000 had been working round the clock.

## Prisons ballot

The National Executive of the Prison Officers' Association has decided on a national ballot to see if there is support for industrial action over manning levels.

The decision will be discussed at a delegates conference in London today, a senior officer said.

The association's leaders say the Prison Department has reneged on a statement that it would provide 950 extra staff for "Fresh Start", the new prison system, and is instead limiting the increase to 750.

## Star link is ended

The link between Express Newspapers and Mr David Sullivan, proprietor of *Sunday Sport*, ended last night when the Express group announced it will regain total control of *The Star*.

Earlier this month Tesco said it was withdrawing its advertising because of *The Star's* attitude to and treatment of women.Mr Michael Gabbert, who was appointed editor, has left the company. The new editor is Mr Brian Hitchen, who was deputy editor of the Sunday Express.

## King greets jobs plea

Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Ireland, last night welcomed a call for legislation to end discrimination against Roman Catholics in job recruitment in Northern Ireland. The Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights says changes must be made to existing laws and practices.

The commission recommends setting up of a new anti-discrimination body with strong investigative and enforcement powers. Mr King promised to study the suggestions as part of government plans to strengthen fair employment legislation.

## Firework sleuth



Seven Liverpool shopkeepers are facing fines of up to £2,000 or three months' imprisonment for illegally selling fireworks to minors, after an undercover operation conducted by a girl aged 13.

Emma Folan, accompanied by trading standards officers posing as customers, visited 20 shops after reports that traders were selling fireworks to under-age teenagers.

Seven shop owners, all of whom were made aware of the girl's age, were caught flouting the law which prohibits the sale of fireworks to children under 16.

## Vauxhall strike ends

The 3,500 workers at the Vauxhall car plant at Luton, Bedfordshire, voted yesterday to end their strike over bonus payments, and accept a compromise settlement.

The company had said that if the week-long strike continued production at its other car plant at Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, would cease with 4,300 workers being laid off. The strike cost £30 million in lost production.

The car workers complained that bonuses had been cut because management was calculating payments on the productivity of the car plant and the Luton van plant. Under the deal, the car men will receive about half of the £80 bonus they claim they have lost and a new procedure for calculating bonus pay will be worked out.

# Social classes must go, the statisticians decide

By David Walker
Public Administration Correspondent

The working class is to be abolished, statisticians in the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys (OPCS) have decided. To ensure social equality, the middle and upper classes are being abolished, too.

The office has decided to abandon the idea of social classes as a way of grading the population. The OPCS is part of the Department of Health and Social Security whose new Secretary of State, Mr John Moore, is keen on the idea of a classless Britain.

The OPCS has come under some pressure from the politicians to cease using the the six social classes into which it has put the men and women of Britain since 1911. The statisticians hope to devise a new classification in time for the Census of Population due to take place in 1991 and are seeking an alternative.

Among early suggestions are the neutral phrase "social position". One possiblity is for the OPCS to divide the population into 16 "socio-economic groups"; another is to use the fearsome-sounding "Condensed KOS classification".

For the past seventy years censuses and surveys have relied on the Registrar General's social classes, which were devised before the First World War as a way of explaining differences in mortality.

People are put into one of six classes on the basis of their job (or their spouse's job) with managerial and salaried positions at the top and unskilled manual work at the bottom. Statisticians have never been at all sure where to place journalists or ministers of religion.

The OPCS says the scheme is too crude for the 1980s. A person's occupation does not tell enough about his or her standard of living. The OPCS is looking for some measure that links job and income and education.

It is unlikely, however, that the sociologists will follow the OPCS's lead.

Dr Anthony Heath of Nuffield College, Oxford, said that academics would certainly welcome a more refined system of grading people but they were not going to stop calling people working or middle class.

"It has nothing to do with Marxism; it is simply that social class is too useful. It is essential in understanding what is happening in British society."

Miss Sharon Witherspoon, of Social and Community Planning Research, said abandoning the Registrar General's scheme would make it more difficult to detect changes that had happened over the twentieth century and some of those changes had been good news for the Conservative Party.

# Pressure on Scargill as rival union gets pay rise

By Tim Jones

The National Union of Mineworkers, divided over its campaign of industrial action, was put under increased pressure last night by British Coal over a pay rise given to members of the rival Union of Democratic Mineworkers.

The corporation, in a departure from usual practice, said the pay award would apply to members of the NUM only when its national executive committee has called off its limited overtime ban.

British Coal said last night: "In the past, the union has always been able to tell its members not to worry as the money is being 'banked' for them and will be paid on a backdated basis once a dispute is over. That situation no longer applies."

The agreement, under which members of the UDM will receive rises of between £4.95 and £6.65 a week, will further infuriate NUM members as for the first time it is to be paid in pits where the breakaway union is in a minority. Members of the NUM who are in a minority at UDM-dominated pits will also benefit from the increase.

Mr John Northard, British Coal director of operations, said: "It is hoped the executive of the NUM will at the earliest opportunity lift the ban they have imposed on coal production and development work during overtime and enable their members to benefit from improved basic wage rates".

Since the dispute over the disciplinary code began on September 21, British Coal has lost production worth £3 million a week and the mineworkers £1.5 million a week in pay.

The corporation has issued a warning that the action is being mounted at a time when the industry is facing its toughest competition from internationally traded coal and other rival fuels.

Members ofthe NUM are losing an average of about £15 a week in productivity bonuses. Some men who work weekends have seen their wage packets reduced by more than £50.

Since the ban began, the NUM has been split between those in hard-line areas such the Yorkshire heartland of Mr Arthur Scargill, the union president, who want to widen the dispute and leaders in South Wales and Scotland, who fear pits could close if the action is stepped up.

Mr Northard said: "British Coal are determined to maintain the momentum towards achieving a high-volume low-cost industry despite the NUM's industrial action which can only damage the wage packets and future prospects of their members.

"All the issues raised by the NUM which led to their ballot on the code of conduct and overtime ban are now dead. There is no credible reason for the overtime ban to continue."

British Coal has also agreed to consider early retirement, sick pay, and rate protection claims made by the UDM.

## Protest at strike deal

The TUC has been warned by its largest member, the Transport and General Workers Union, that if it fails to make a stand against no-strike deals the union might be forced to "consider its position" within the movement (Roland Rudd writes).

The TGWU is protesting about a no-strike deal signed by the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union (EETPU) with Christian Salvesen, the food distribution group, at its depot at Warrington, Cheshire.

The agreement is being investigated by the TUC after complaints by three other unions.

## Hard fight in attempt to end jury challenge

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Proposals to abolish the defendant's right to challenge jurors look likely to give the Government its hardest struggle yet in its attempt to steer the Criminal Justice Bill through Parliament.

Lord Caithness, who is piloting the Bill through its committee stage in the Lords, made clear yesterday that the Government intends to stand firm on the proposals, which are opposed by the Law Society, the Criminal Bar Association and the National Council for Civil Liberties.

The Government faces two amendments from opposition peers which are likely to find widespread support.

The first of these, by Lord Gifford, QC, would restrict the number of jury challenges in cases where there are more than one defendant.

Lord Wigoder is proposing that the right of the Crown to ask jurors to "stand by" be abolished.

The Government has already been forced to take back its proposals on extradition law and to reconsider abolishing a judge's right to recommend a minimum prison term for a murderer sentenced to life imprisonment.

Yesterday Lord Caithness denied that the Government had had to take away "swathes" of the Bill. He said: "In a measure of the size and scope of the Criminal Justice Bill, it is expected that reconsideration would be given to a certain number of issues".

● The new Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, was urged by the most senior family judge yesterday to take a swift decision on setting up a family court.

Sir John Arnold, President of the High Court Family Division, told a conference in London of 200 lawyers specializing in family law that the previous Lord Chancellor, Lord Havers, had said he would be able to publish his decision on a family court in December.

Sir John said: "There seems to be no reason why Lord Mackay should not be in a similar position".

Sir John was addressing a conference in London on family breakdowns organized by European Study Conferences with the journal *Family Law*.

He urged the Government to set up a national conciliation scheme between divorcing couples. Such a scheme is the subject of a research project at Newcastle University.



Mr Jim MacKintosh, aged 66, the doorkeeper at No 10 Downing St, who retires today (Photograph: Alan Weller).

## Action halted on expenses fraud

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Fraudulent expenses claims by civilian employees have cost the Ministry of Defence hundreds of thousands of pounds, the Comptroller and Auditor General, Sir Gordon Downey, reported yesterday.

Staff had been found filing greatly inflated travel and subsistence claims, with the apparent connivance of their supervising officers. No action has bee taken against them.

Senior officials will be questioned about the report by the Commons Public Accounts committee, whose chairman, Mr Robert Sheldon, said he took the matter "extremely seriously".

The fraudulent claims were made by 89 searchers whose job is to scour firing ranges for unexploded ordnance. In 1984 defence ministry management noticed the searchers' unit was absorbing a tenth of the Army's entire expenditure on civilian travel and subsistence.

Between January and November that year overpayments amounted to £203,416, and defence ministry police said that such payments had probably been made "over a number of years".

A report was sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions. He decided criminal proceedings could not be sustained and in 1986 referred the matter back to the defence ministry, which abandoned any disciplinary action.

In a critical conclusion, Sir Gordon said it was "debateable" whether the ministry was correct to abandon proceedings against the searchers simply because they might fail. It was also "a matter of particular concern" that no action had been taken against the supervising officers for either "collusion or negligence."

The ministry said it had begun action to recover the £203,416. It was as satisfied as it could be with procedures for checking and countersigning travel claims.

## Silver leads way as records tumble

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Record prices were the norm in auction houses yesterday. The happiest news, though, came from Sotheby's in London, where a number of war medals found worthy homes.

Records had started tumbling in New York on Wednesday at a sale of Important Silver and Silver-Gilt at Sotheby's. The total, £2.9 million, was the best for a silver sale anywhere.

The three top lots were by the French silversmith Jean-Baptiste-Claude Odiot, and were bought by a triumvirate of dealers, two British (Armitage and Spink), one Swiss (Friedli). This is common enough practice for dealers, but in this case possibly significant as a fail-safe measure.

Whatever course the market takes, they will share their fortunes together.

They bought a pair of French Imperial silver-gilt soup tureens from the Madame Mere Service for £525,326. Originally commissioned by Napoleon for his mother, it was a record for silver. A pair of silver-gilt Verrieres from the same service fetched £203,763. Next, a soup tureen from the Demidoff service, made for the Russian aristocrat of that name, went for £394,790.

"Wall Street has not affected our sales so far", said Mr Kevin Tierney, of Sotheby's in New York. "But this was great, great silver."

Two records were set at Lawrence Fine Art in Crewkerne, Somerset, for the *fin de siecle* New Zealand artist Frances Hodgkins. She travelled from there to England and France in the early 1900s, the date of these paintings, and became inspired by Impressionism.

Until yesterday, the highest price for one of her water colours was £35,000. The two sold — of children by a goldfish pond and the Place Massena, Antibes — fetched £55,000 and £48,000 respectively, both to the London dealer Gillian Jason.

At Sotheby's in London £48,400 was paid for a Victoria Cross awarded to Petty Officer T W Gould for his bravery aboard HM Submarine *Thrasher*. Mr Gould, the only Jewish winner of a VC from the Second World War, was so upset about the sale that he left the country. His medal was bought by the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen. Another VC, awarded to Flight Sub-Lt R A J Warneford, the first man to shoot down a Zeppelin, in 1915, was withdrawn prior to the auction, and sold for £55,000 to the Fleet Air Arm Museum in Devon.

A posthumous George Cross awarded to Miss Barbara Jane Harrison, an air stewardess who died saving others in a Boing 707 fire in 1968 was bought for £9,900 by British Airways.

## SALEROOM

# Tax plea over lead-free fuel

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

A campaign was launched yesterday to encourage greater use of lead-free petrol.

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, is to be pressed to make a further cut in the tax on unleaded petrol to encourage motorists to use the fuel.

In the last Budget, the duty was cut to make unleaded petrol ½p cheaper than four-star fuel but demand has remained minimal, accounting for only 0.1 per cent of consumption.

Mr Des Wilson, leader of the Campaign for Lead-free Air (Clear), yesterday launched the new publicity campaign. He said he was optimistic that a cut in duty would be introduced in the next Budget.

In West Germany, where unleaded petrol accounts for 22 per cent of sales, demand did not increase until a price advantage of up to 4.8p a gallon was introduced.

There are now 500 petrol stations offering unleaded petrol but this is only 2.5 per cent of British forecourts.

By 1990, all new cars must be able to run on unleaded petrol, under EEC legislation. At present four in five new cars can use unleaded fuel, though half require a minor adjustment to engine settings. There is no performance penalty but fuel consumption rises by about 2 per cent.

From 1990, new cars will be fitted with special catalytic converters to meet legislation on lower exhaust emissions.

Motorists will not be able to use leaded petrol in such vehicles because the rare metal coatings which lower the emissions of hydrocarbon, nitrogen oxides and carbon monoxide are ruined by lead. In the past year the lead content of all petrol has been cut by a third to 0.15 gm/litre.

Although the airborne lead content in Britain is below the permitted EEC concentration, Mr Colin Moynihan, Under-Secretary of State for the Environment, said yesterday: "Any lead in the air has implication for toxicity so we would like to see further reductions".

## Telescope widens the universe

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

**Astronomers will tonight start the first programme of observations with the £25 million William Herschel Telescope, the most powerful in the world.**

**Its specially arranged 4.2 metre mirror and new electronic detectors, invented by scientists at British universities and the Royal Greenwich Observatory, at Herstmonceux, East Sussex, give the telescope a peerless light-gathering power and ability to record images.**

**It stands at 2,400 metres on La Palma in the Canaries, the third British-built telescope to be commissioned at one of the finest sites known for astronomy. An Anglo-Dutch team will operate it.**

**When the eye of the telescope turns skyward tonight it will begin a search for quasars, the most distant objects from Earth visible with only the most powerful equipment.**

**Professor Alec Boksenberg, director of the Royal Greenwich Observatory, said: "The new telescope will enable astronomers to survey the observational borders of the universe".**

## Duchess turns her hand to surgery

By Ian Smith

The Duchess of York turned surgeon yesterday and "operated" on an insurance company secretary suffering with a kidney stone in Withington Hospital, Manchester.

By simply pressing a button, the Duchess directed shock waves from a lithotriptor machine into the kidneys of Victoria Pitt, aged 22, from Macclesfield, Cheshire.

The stone was destroyed without the need for an operation and the patient spent only eight hours at the hospital.

Had not the machine been unavailable, she would have had major surgery and endured three months convalescence.

Guiding the Duchess's operation was Professor Norman Blacklock, in charge of the hospital's forensic urology unit. He is on of the Queen's personal medical staff and recently returned from Canada, where he acted as the Queen's personal physician.

The Duchess then visited the Salford City Art Gallery where she opened the L.S. Lowry centenary exhibition.

## Smokers' heart risk

The risks of heart disease may be reduced by up to 20 per cent for people who stop smoking, according to a study published in *The Lancet* today (Our Science Correspondent writes).

But the full benefits of giving up may take several years to achieve and may not be realized unless ex-smokers avoid gaining weight.

Cigarette smokers who change to cigars are not necessarily reducing their risk, according to Dr Tom Meade and colleagues at a Medical Research Council unit at Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow, noth-west London.

Although giving up smoking may cut the chances of a heart attack by 20 per cent, starting or resuming the habit may increase the risks by the same amount, they say.

Another study, by Dr Peter McLennan and colleagues at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, Adelaide, Australia, suggests that eating fish regularly can significantly reduce the risk of a heart attack.

## Help sought for abused adults

By Gregory Weingarten

A national support network for adults who suffered sexual abuse in childhood is needed, Esther Rantzen, presenter of the BBC television programme *That's Life*, said yesterday.

Miss Rantzen, the chairman of ChildLine, a telephone helpline for children, said hundreds of thousands of adults are still suffering the trauma of childhood sexual abuse.

At a press conference presenting the findings of ChildLine, a charity launched one year ago, and the BBC programme *Childwatch*, she urged the Department of Health and Social Security to set up a support network for adult victims of childhood abuse.

Miss Rantzen said a study at Holloway prison in north London showed 60 per cent of the female prisoners had been sexually abused as children.

New research on sexual abuse by ChildLine, based on calls from 6,000 abused children showed that the abuser was usually the child's natural father.

Nearly 80 per cent of the victims were girls, most aged less than 15.


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# Fresh attack on 'sinful' clergymen

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

**A further attack on the sexual morality of some clergy in the Church of England was made yesterday by the two Evangelical clergymen who are campaigning to persuade the General Synod next month to outlaw homosexual activity.**

**The Rev Anthony Higton, rector of Hawkwell, Essex, and the Rev David Holloway, vicar of Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, launched a booklet, *Sexuality and the Church*, at a press conference in London.**

**In it, Mr Higton describes how he was able to buy a copy of *The Joy of Gay Sex* from the Gay and Lesbian Christian Movement's office at St Botolph's Church in the City of London.**

**He said it contained "gratuitous homosexual pornography" and encouraged sexual orgies, the use of male prostitutes, and "cruising".**

**Mr Higton asked: "Does an organization doing such a thing qualify for the name Christian?" He and Mr Holloway are pressing for references to the Gay and Lesbian Christian Movement to be removed from the *Church of England Year Book*, and for it to be banned from church premises.**

**Mr Richard Kirker, secretary of the movement, said that the edition of *The Joy of Gay Sex* they stocked had been revised in the light of Aids, and explicitly advised homosexuals against practices which put them at risk from Aids. Anyone buying the book was given a leaflet explaining homosexual "safe sex".**

**Mr Higton said he was not against people with homosexual tendencies but he was against homosexual acts. So-called "gay Christians" were encouraging homosexuals to "carry on in their sin".**

**At its meeting next month the General Synod of the *Church of England is to debate* a resolution tabled by Mr Higton, which declares homosexual activity, adultery and "fornication" sinful.**

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# Inquest verdict fails to solve mystery of woman in lake

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

The strange death of Shani Warren, the woman found floating, bound and gagged, in a lake, left a coroner as perplexed as Home Office experts yesterday.

After trying to balance evidence that Miss Warren, aged 26, from Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire, was afraid of Aids and could have tied herself up, against expert psychiatric evidence that there was no sign she was mentally unstable, Mr John Roberts, the South Buckinghamshire coroner, recorded an open verdict.

He told the hearing at Beaconsfield that he was not satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that Miss Warren had either killed herself or been murdered.

Miss Warren's body was found bound and gagged in Taplow Lake last April. At first Thames Valley police said they believed she had committed suicide. Her family denied that she could have killed herself.

Several days later, police announced that they were treating the death as a possible murder and began a wide-scale investigation, using a micro-computer and scores of officers. BBC Television's *Crimewatch* programme broadcast an appeal for witnesses.

Yesterday, at the inquest, a Home Office pathologist suggested Miss Warren killed herself, while a psychiatrist said he could find no evidence from the girl's diaries to suggest any mental disorder precipitating suicide.

Dr Benjamin Davies, the pathologist, said he visited Taplow Lake in Buckinghamshire and later carried out a post-mortem examination. He found the cause of death was drowning.

He said Miss Warren was fully dressed and apart from two small bruises to each thigh and to the back of her left hand, there were no marks on her body to suggest she had put up a struggle.

Her fingernails were undamaged and there was a ligature mark around her neck, indicating that before drowning, an attempt at strangulation had been made using a car jump-lead.

There was no evidence of sexual activity or injury, and the red jump-lead around her wrists had been loosely applied. It would have been possible for her to have moved her hands from the loops without untying it, he said.

Dr Davies said he had carefully examined the body on three occasions and was convinced that Miss Warren could have applied the restraints around her hands and feet herself. He spoke of three previous cases where people had tried to strangle themselves and applied a gag before drowning themselves in baths.

"The more I hear, the more I believe this was suicide. But I am perfectly prepared to change my view", he said.

Dr John Hamilton, a consultant psychiatrist and medical director of Broadmoor Hospital, said that at the request of police he examined a number of diaries kept by the woman since 1980, as well as other material.

"The diaries she kept were of a very personal nature", he said. "If there was any indication of a serious abnormality, I would expect to find it in those diaries. I found no trace of that. She appears to have been a well, socially-integrated, healthy young girl and not the sort of person one would expect to commit suicide."

Mrs Elsie Warren, the dead woman's mother, told the coroner: "She wanted to have a year off from men because of the possible danger". Her daughter had taken the publicity about Aids very seriously.



Shani Warren: death still a mystery.

Mrs Warren said her daughter was a warm and affectionate girl who remained on friendly terms with her former boy friends. On the night before her death, she had enjoyed a meal with an old flame, Mr Roger Pell.

She said her daughter could not have committed suicide by drowning because she could not bear to have her face in water.

A close friend, Anne-Marie Henshaw, said that Shani did not have a boy friend at the time of her death and had 'gone off men".

Miss Henshaw said that they had discussed suicide. Shani had mentioned casually that if she "ever got to that stage" she would take an overdose because all the other ways seemed "so ghastly".

Mr Geoffrey Bodworth, a Metropolitan Police forensic laboratory consultant and knots expert, said that both the rope around Miss Warren's ankles and the red jump-lead used to tie her hands were slack.

He said that he had successfully managed to bring his hands behind his back after tying them during a reconstruction of the possible events. However, he admitted that during the experiment his legs were not tied together.

Mrs Marjorie Arnold, who was taking part in a sailing competition on Taplow Lake on April 18, said she found the body while she was walking her dog.

She said that the next day, when she was back at the lake to continue in a three-day yachting event, she saw a man "half-watching the police".

"He was very swarthy and stocky in build, but I was not really able to give a description. His car was, I believe, a light-coloured Ford Escort."

After the hearing, police said investigations would continue.

# RSC gives star role to teenager



By Lynda Murdin
Arts Correspondent

**The sudden elevation from obscurity to leading lady that is the stuff of Broadway musicals yesterday delighted Linzi Hateley, above, who is to play the title role in the Royal Shakespeare Company's musical *Carrie*.**

**Linzi, aged 17, from Tamworth near Birmingham, was announced as the choice yesterday after hundreds of youngsters had auditioned in Britain and the United States.**

**"I am stunned", said Linzi, a pupil at the Italia Conti Academy in London. Her previous professional appearances were in the musical *Annie* and in the BBC television series *Grange Hill*.**

***Carrie* will open in Stratford-upon-Avon then transfer to Broadway in New York after four weeks. Linzi, the youngest leading lady chosen by the RSC, will play the leading role in both productions. "You dream of this sort of thing happening at the end of your career, not the beginning. It's unbelievable", she said.**

**The cinema version of Stephen King's novel *Carrie*, the story of a teenage girl with supernatural powers, helped to launch Sissy Spacek, who played the title role, to international stardom.**

**Half of the RSC's cast will be British and half American, according to an agreement reached between acting unions on both sides of the Atlantic.**

**The show opens at Stratford in February. It will return to Britain and the West End if successful in New York. The publicly-funded RSC plans to spend £350,000 on the show.**

**The unusual arrangement that will give Americans a greater opportunity to view the latest work by Britain's most prestigious theatre company, plus the musical's controversial theme, has attracted some criticism.**

**(Photograph: Graham Wood)**

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**The £4,000 Times Portfolio Gold prize is shared by two readers. They are Mr Raymond Pink, of Goodhart Way, West Wickham, south east London, and Mr Michael Herbert, of Murrayfield Road, St Andrews, Fife.**

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**Mr Pink works as a computer consultant to LLoyds Bank in the City.**

**Mr Herbert, aged 37, teaches Modern English Literature at St Andrews University.**

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## New hope for babies with Aids

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

**Babies born so vulnerable that the common cold can kill them may be saved through techniques developed at the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street, west London.**

**The infants suffer from severe combined immunodeficiency, an inherited condition which leaves them defenceless against infections.**

**"All such children have died before their second birthday and most are dead within six months", Professor Roland Levinsky said yesterday. "Five years ago we could do nothing. We are now achieving a 65 per cent success rate."**

**The hospital's expertise may lead to benefits for babies born with the Aids virus.**

**"Paediatric Aids is a comparitively new disease but it is likely to become a much more serious problem in the next few years", Professor Martin Barratt, consultant renal physician at Great Ormond Street, said.**

**The success in dealing with infant immunodeficiency is due to the transplanting of bone marrow from a parent, a technique which Professor Levinsky and colleagues have refined at the Institute of Child Health.**

**However, the hospital can only offer the treatment to about ten children a year**

**He and other specialists hope a campaign to raise £30 million, launched this week by the Prince of Wales, to redevelop the 135-year-old hospital will provide an immunology and infectious diseases unit.**

**Donations to: *Wishing Well Appeal for the Redevelopment of Great Ormond Street Hospital, 49 Great Ormond Street London WC1. Tel: 01-831-1199.***

Sikh terrorism trial

# 'Cut-price killer' guilty of shootings

By Mark Ellis

A former soldier called the "cut-price killer" because of his willingness to shoot people was convicted yesterday of a murder plot against leading Sikh moderates in Britain.

Patrick Timlin, aged 25, made a "V" sign to police officers after the jury at the central Criminal Court in London convicted him of murdering one Sikh and attempting to murder another.

Gurmail Singh Basra, aged 31, the Sikh shopkeeper who hired Timlin and modelled his fanatical terrorist cell on the IRA and Mafia, was found guilty of aiding and abetting Timlin to kill one Sikh and conspiring to murder the other. The pair, who denied the charges, will be sentenced today.

Timlin, of Lillington, Warwickshire, was paid just £6,000 to carry out two shootings in London. He killed one Sikh moderate — Mr Tarsem Toor, aged 55 — and partially blinded the second — Mr Singtar Singh Sandhu, aged 48 — by shooting them in the head with a sawn-off shotgun.

Mr Timothy Langdale, for the prosecution, said Basra, of Tottenham, north London, a member of the militant International Sikh Youth Federation, was determined to wipe out moderate political opponents in Britain.

Sikh terrorism in India started being mirrored on a smaller scale in Britain after the attack on the Golden Temple of Amritsar in 1984, which polarized Sikh opinion world-wide.

It was against this background, in September 1985, that Mr Toor, of The Broadway, Southall, west London, a wealthy friend of the Gandhi family and general secretary of the Indian Overseas Congress, and Mr Sandhu, of Hounslow, west London, organized a hotel meeting in London to make impassioned speeches in support of Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister.

Mr Toor and Mr Sandhu were joined on the platform by Mr Sohan Lidder, aged 49, of Luton, Bedfordshire, president of the town's branch of the Indian Overseas Congress. They addressed more than 200 supporters, who were given a stormy reception by Sikh militants demonstrating outside.

Several weeks later, Mr Lidder was hit in the face by a shotgun blast fired by two men at his grocery shop in Luton. His assailant is unknown. Mr Sandhu, a garage owner, also survived, but was partially blinded, after Timlin fired at him as he parked his car outside his home in January last year. Mr Toor was not so lucky. He was shot by Timlin at point-blank range at his shop in Southall in January last year. He died in a pool of blood.

Only by chance were police given clues as to the identity of Basra and were able to link him with the murder of Mr Toor and attempting killing of Mr Sandhu. Timlin and his brother Trevor, aged 22, who will also be sentenced today for terrorist offences, revealed their terrorist links when police questioned them about other crimes.

In long and detailed interviews with the police, Patrick Timlin spoke of meetings at railway stations with an unnamed Indian who arrived in an A-registration silver Renault to give him details of victims and payments.

Police eventually traced the car, which had since been sold and damaged in a crash, back to Basra and the evidence against him began to amass.

Basra, an Indian national who came to Britain more than 15 years ago, is married with two young children, and showed no outward sign of being a Sikh extremist. But in his pocket diary, he kept the names and telephone numbers of Sikh extremists world-wide, described by one detective as an "A-Z of Sikh terrorism".

For anti-terrorist squad detectives of the Metropolitan Police, inquiries into a sinister network of Sikh extremists determined to assassinate moderates are continuing.

# Crime cut boosts campaign

By Peter Evans and Sheila Gunn

A fall in crime recorded by the Metropolitan Police and six other forces gives new edge to the Government's crime prevention campaign.

Statistics released yesterday show that overall the increase in the rate of crime has slowed. The number of reported offences in the first eight months of this year was only 1.5 per cent higher than the same period last year. The 1986 increase was 7 per cent over 1985.

Mr John Patten, Minister of State, Home Office, called the figures the first hint of a promising trend in the curbing of crime.

The overall 5 per cent drop in the Metropolitan Police area included a 24 per cent decrease in fraud and forgery, a 6 per cent fall in theft and burglary and a 5 per cent drop in sexual offences.

The Metropolitan Police figures for the first nine months of this year compare with the corresponding period of 1986.

The other recorded decreases, spread over eight months, are Cumbria (5.6 per cent down), Greater Manchester (0.7 per cent), Hertfordshire (4.3 per cent), City of London (1.6 per cent), Sussex (2.1 per cent) and Wiltshire (3.3 per cent). On Merseyside recorded crime was static.

However, the Metropolitan Police disclosed a 5 per cent increase in violence against the person and a 13 per cent rise in robbery figures.

There was an increase of 16 per cent in street robberies of personal property ("muggings"), but a fall of 4 per cent in snatch thefts of personal property. Taken together, these figures show an overall rise of 6 per cent in street crime.

Thefts from vehicles rose by only 1 per cent, while theft of motor vehicles fell by 16 per cent.

Crimes using firearms other than air weapons rose by 4 per cent in 1986. The number of armed robberies increased by more than 100 to 2,650.

The percentage of all recorded notifiable offences which involved the use of a firearm remained less than 0.3 per cent. However, for robbery the rate was about 9 per cent, as in the 10 previous years.

There has been a long-term increase in homicides. The total between 1977 and 1986 was about a quarter higher than between 1967 and 1976.

Of 4,600 suspects convicted of homicide between 1977 and 1986, 33 had a previous conviction for homicide.

*Criminal Statistics, England and Wales, 1986*: (Cmd 233, Stationery Office; £15.80).

## Miss Marple inspired boys in threat case

Two schoolboys sent threatening letters to their headmaster after getting the idea from an episode of the television series *Miss Marple*, a court was told yesterday.

The boys, aged 12 and 13, who signed themselves Virgo Blond, left the first letter demanding money in a shed at the school.

Three more were sent threatening damage to school property. One said the school would be burnt down if £2,500 were not paid.

At Stafford Juvenile Court, both boys admitted sending the threatening letters and other offences. A blackmail charge was dropped. The older boy was ordered to pay £198 in fines and compensation and the boy aged 12, £213.

# Elderly urged to increase security

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, spoke yesterday of his concern for elderly women imprisoned by their fear of crime.

He told of "the old lady, high and alone in a tower block flat, not knowing her neighbours because she fears them, her store of friends and acquaintances gradually dwindling, her vision of the world derived overwhelmingly from television, discouraged by vandalism around her, frightened to go out in the dark, her personality shrinking.

"We have all met people of whom that portrait is nearly true. But it is not inevitable", he said at the launch of a Help the Aged campaign. The "Be Safe" promotion is designed to make elderly people more aware of home security.

One in five of the elderly population feels not very safe or not at all safe from burglaries or thefts in their home, according to a survey carried out by Market & Opinion Research International for Help the Aged. Surprisingly the reaction is hardly any different from that of the population as a whole.

Yet 80 per cent of elderly people have never experienced a crime in their home. Though working class elderly people are more likely to feel unsafe it is middle class elderly people who are more likely to have their homes broken into.

Elderly urban dwellers feel less secure, and with reason. Almost a quarter of elderly urban dwellers interviewed have had a crime take place at their home.

The Be Safe campaign is supported by the Association of Chief Police Officers, the Metropolitan Police, the Chubb lock company and many local authorities.

Social attitudes survey

# Big business fails in popular esteem

*The annual survey of social attitudes undertaken by the independent group, Social and Community Planning Research, shows that certain basic attitudes change little over time, and among them are suspicion of big business and respect for authority. **David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent, reports.***

A consistent but clear majority of the British people believes the way business and the economy operate is unfair and that the interests of managers and employees are opposed.

But an equally clear and consistent majority believes people who reject society by taking protest action or breaking the law or encouraging disobedience in children should be severely punished.

According to the survey evidence in this year's edition of *British Social Attitudes*, many British people take an "egalitarian" position in economic matters while adopting an "authoritarian" position in matters of morals and social behaviour.

Mr Anthony Heath and Mr Richard Topf of Nuffield College, Oxford, the researchers, say, the upshot is that popular preferences are served by none of the existing political parties: Conservatives are anti-egalitarian but traditionalist in morals while Labour is egalitarian but liberal on moral questions and the Social Democrat-Liberal Alliance vaguely in the middle.

About 65 per cent agree that ordinary working people do not get a fair share of the nation's wealth; 59 per cent say there is one law for the rich and another for the poor; and 54 per cent believe big business benefits owners at the expense of employees.

At the same time a growing proportion believes workers should be given more say in running their workplace, increasing from 54 per cent in 1974 to 68 per cent a decade later. The 1986 figure is 80 per cent.

But simultaneously obedience to authority is valued. Nearly three quarters of the population favour a ban on any attempt by unions to organize a general strike.

About 83 cent think that schools should teach children to obey authority and two thirds of the population favour censorship of films and magazines to uphold moral standards.

The more highly educated people are the more liberal they are on moral questions, but they are more supportive of the economic set-up.

People in manual jobs tend to be highly critical of management and take an egalitarian position while strongly believing that the law should be obeyed and schoolchildren taught to respect authority.

*British Social Attitudes: The 1987 report* (Gower; £12.95).

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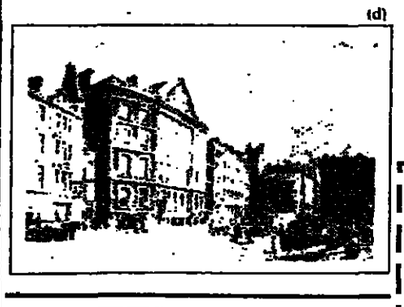

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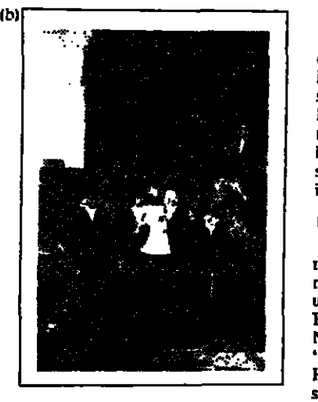
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## Treasury awaits Bank of England assessment as Thatcher refuses an announcement on rates

# Lawson weathers Labour onslaught on BP flotation

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The consultation procedures over the underwriting of the BP sale had been mostly completed and he would be making his decision later in the day, the Chancellor of the Exchequer told a noisy session of Treasury questions.

**Mr Nigel Lawson** said that he was *still* waiting for the Bank of England's assessment to the approach made on behalf of the underwriters.

He and the other Treasury ministers faced a series of hostile questions on the BP sale and on the policy of privatization.

At the start of question time, **Mr Norman Lamont**, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said that the Government intended to press ahead with its privatization programme and especially with that of the water industry.

He said that, while regularly publishing plans for total privatization proceeds over the next three years, it never revealed estimates for one individual privatization.

He was replying to **Mr David Nellist** (Coventry South East, Lab), who asked for the latest estimate of the likely proceeds to the Exchequer from the privatization of the water authorities in England and Wales.

Given the inevitable collapse of share prices, which prefaced the third world-economic recession, *what guarantees could the* minister give that water would not go the same way as British Petroleum?

*Mr Lamont said that water* was not due to be privatized for several years yet. He was confident that when that moment came, they would get good value for the taxpayers.

**Mr Douglas Henderson** (Newcastle upon Tyne North, Lab) asked whether there was a reserve price valuation for the water industry. In Mr Lamont's estimation, would the price be reached?

**Mr Lamont** told him that the Government had not yet got the main legislation through the House.

**Mr Harry Greenway** (Ealing North, C) said that the prospect



**Mr John Smith: Flotation deeply damaging to BP.**

of the water privatization offered to millions of small investors the chance of share *ownership which market uncertainty* might deny them in BP this week. It was an excellent prospect for the people.

**Mr Lamont** said there were also good industrial arguments why it should be privatized. It was abundantly clear that there was *ample room for improvements* in efficiency in the water industry.

**Mr Barry Jones** (Alyn and Deeside, Lab) asked if Wales could be exempted. The measure had no friends there. It would be unpopular and would not work.

They needed major investment in the creation of manufacturing jobs in Wales, not this charter for speculators.

**Mr Lamont** said no. Investment in the water industry *under this Government* was substantial, having gone up by more than 30 per cent. Under the Labour Government it had *fallen by 35 per cent.*

Quesioned on the number of shareholders in Britain, **Mr Lawson** said that at the beginning of the year it was 8.5 million, almost three times the number in 1979.

**Mr Michael Fallon** (Darlington, C) pressed him to announce whether the BP share sale would proceed.

**Mr Lawson** declined to make an announcement.

Most of the consultation procedures he had described in his statement on Tuesday had been completed. But he had still to receive the Bank of England's assessment in response to the joint approach by the Treasury and Rothschild on behalf of the underwriters.

"I hope to make a decision later today and will inform the House of that in whatever way is convenient."

**Mr Brian Sedgemore** (Hackney South and Shoreditch, Lab) wanted details of a "blazing row" between the Treasury and the Americans over the BP flotation.

Did Mr Lawson accept that there had been repercussions on Wall Street? If the BP share issue was not 100 per cent successful, who would be to blame?

**Mr Lawson** denied that there had been a blazing row. "The causation flows in the opposite direction to the one Mr Sedgemore indicated.

"It is not the BP flotation that *caused the crash on* Wall Street. It is the slide on Wall Street which has led to the *under*subscription of the BP flo*tation.*"

**Mr Kenneth Hind** (West Lancashire, C) reminded Labour MPs of the words of Mr Bryan Gould, chief *Opposition spokesman* on trade and industry, who had said the country should come to terms with share ownership and regard *it as a good* thing.

Perhaps they should take his advice (Conservative cheers).

**Mr Lawson** agreed that Mr Gould had said the Labour Party should take share ownership seriously as a means of spreading economic power and giving people a stake in the enterprise in which they worked (loud Conservative cheers).

**Mr John Smith**, chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury affairs, said that the BP sale had been *a total flop.*

In addition, it would be deeply damaging to the interests of BP. They would now be saddled with the most unwilling holders of shares in financial history.

Mr Lawson should take the opportunity to announce that the sale was being abandoned permanently – not to excuse the underwriters but to protect the interests of Britain's greatest company.

He repeated the claim that he made during Tuesday's exchanges, that the Government would have to pay for the rights issue at 330p, with the money being handed over on Friday.

**Mr Lawson** told Mr Smith again that he was wrong on that point. *He said that he ought not* to comment further until he had made his decision about the sale.

**Mr Michael Colvin** (Romsey and Waterside, C) drew attention to Labour's links with the union movement and urged Mr Lawson to welcome their concern over the state of the stock market.

It was living proof that there were now more shareholders in Britain than there were people belonging to trades unions.

**Mr Lawson** hoped that Labour MPs' interest in the stock market would become more *educated (Conservative laughter).*

In another answer, **Mr Norman Lamont**, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, told **Mr Anthony Lloyd** (Stretford, Lab) that Exchequer revenue from privatization had risen from 2.1 per cent of total consolidated fund revenues in 1984-85 to 3.9 per cent in 1986-87.

**Mr Lloyd** said that Government incompetence over the BP sale meant that it faced real difficulty over future privatization.

**Mr Lamont** said that estimates of privatization proceeds would be published in the usual way with the autumn statement. It would be extremely unwise for him to add to what Mr *Lawson had already said about* the BP sale.

**Mr Gordon Brown**, an Opposition *spokesman on Treasury* and economic affairs, said that £20 million of public money had been wasted in advertising the BP sale. *Would he confirm* that the estimated cost of advertising was £100 per successful application for BP *shares?*

**Mr Lamont** said that a full statement of the cost of the sale would be laid before the House in the normal way. Some of the costs were not known at this stage.



**Mr Kinnock pleads for the baling out of Mr Reagan**

# Kinnock demands interest rates cut

PRIME MINISTER

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, persistently urged on the Prime Minister an immediate and substantial cut in British interest rates. Mrs Thatcher told him, after three questions on the subject, that Prime Minister's question time was not the occasion to announce such a cut.

**Mr Kinnock:** When the financial markets at home and abroad are unstable and Britain has one of the highest real interest rates of developed countries, why does the Government not use its power to secure real cuts in interest rates and not an inconsequential 0.5 per cent?

**Mrs Thatcher:** This is a matter for judgement, which has to be made at the time.

She said that three things should be done together. The most important being a decision on the United States budget deficit – and she welcomed the present talks with Congress to *cut it*; coupled with that, the United Kingdom was more than prepared, in concert with other countries, like Germany and Japan, to consider other matters. Third, the Chancellor hoped to make a decision on BP later.

*Mr Kinnock retorted that the* three things argued strongly for a big cut in British interest rates, especially as that would help *President Reagan to stabilize his* external deficit.

With British interest rates 53 per cent higher than Japan's and 25 per cent *higher than* Germany's, it was, as Mrs Thatcher said, a question of judgement and that judgement *should be for a big cut in interest* rates.

**Mrs Thatcher** said that the Chancellor had already made a 0.5 per cent cut, but the important thing was a return of confidence and it would be more effective if they made their decisions in relation to that and got as much international co-operation as possible.

**Mr Kinnock:** Nobody will quarrel with the argument for international co-operation, but does that mean that we have to wait for the return of confidence before we get the cut in interest rates this economy truly needs? (Labour cheers)

**Mrs Thatcher:** *It means that I* expect him to know that cuts in interest rates cannot be announced in PM's questions in the House of Commons (Conservative laughter).

**Mr Patrick Duffy** (Sheffield, *Attercliffe, Lab):* We *have been* waiting for at least three years for Washington to correct its budget deficit.

It would be best for someone to promote initiatives and, preferably leadership, for international stability and easing of credit. She should take such a step, unless she was content to see Thatcherism equated with *Reaganomics.*

**Mrs Thatcher:** I remind Mr Duffy that Labour MPs have been urging us, in and out of the House, *to follow* the deficit policy of the United States.

"Only now are they beginning to realize that the policy of sound money which we have followed has kept sterling strong" (Conservative cheers).

● Interest rates would be maintained at whatever level was appropriate to prevailing conditions, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said during Commons questions when asked to comment on the financial situation.

*Mr David Marshall* (Glasgow, Shettleston, Lab) said the Chancellor spoke of the strong and sound state of the United Kingdom economy, *but* was that not also true of West Germany and Japan? So why was our interest rate 3.5 per cent and *6 per cent higher* respectively than theirs?

Would not lower interest rates give the economy a much needed boost and would he not therefore substantially reduce them now?

**Mr Lawson** said that he had reduced the interest rate last week. As for the comparison with Germany and Japan, the *rate of inflation* was lower in this country.

# Britain held in respect

One of the benefits of Britain's strong economy, and the wider respect in which the country now stood in the world, was that Britain could play an important part in international financial discussions between the industrialized countries, **Mr Nigel Lawson**, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said during Commons questions.

**Mr William Cash** (Stafford, C) had said that the economy now was a significant contrast to the "craven" situation in 1978, when the Labour Government had had to go cap-in-hand to the International Monetary Fund. Now, the IMF sought and took advice from this Government.

**Mr Lawson** said that the aid given to the poorest and most heavily indebted countries was a striking contrast to the situation under Labour.

# Boards of visitors to be strengthened

PRISONS

The Earl of Caithness, Minister of State, Home Office, told the House of Lords that the Government was not in favour of setting up a prison disciplinary tribunal, but it proposed to strengthen the boards of visitors which at present investigated complaints.

Speaking during the fifth day of the committee stage of the Criminal Justice Bill, he said that the new procedures, which the Government expected to be in force in *1989*, would give the boards access to legal and expert advice from magistrates' clerks and solicitors. Members of the boards would also undergo further training.

He added that, although the Prior committee recommended a tribunal, the Government found there was no consensus on what should replace the boards. The committee was set up after the Tarrant judgement which decided that prisoners who were called before boards had the right to be legally represented.

The number of disciplinary cases dealt with by the boards was very *small because 90 per* cent of complaints were handled by the prison governors.

He was rejecting an amendment moved by **Lord Hunt** (SDP), former chairman of the Parole Board, setting up a tribunal to deal with disciplinary complaints. Lord Hunt later withdrew it.

● **Lord Mishcon**, an Opposition home affairs spokesman, paid tribute to Lord Caithness's skill in handling the Criminal Justice Bill after reports that **Lord Mackay of Clashfern**, the new Lord Chancellor, has been briefed to help him to pilot the Bill through the House of Lords.

**Lord Mishcon**, a solicitor, said: "If Lord Caithness decides to join the ranks of my distinguished profession he would be a welcome member and beat most of us at our own game".

## Parliament today

**Commons** (9.30): Debate on *renewable sources of energy.*

# Radioactivity proposal comes under fire

**Government proposals that levels of radioactivity permitted in food, feed and drinking water after a nuclear emergency should be raised fivefold came under united Opposition attack late on Wednesday night in the Commons.**

**Labour, Liberal, SDLP and Plaid Cymru MPs all condemned a move that could lead to a raising of the levels from 1,000 to 5,000 becquerels a kilogram. They were speaking during a debate on a motion to take note of a European Community document on maximum *permitted radioactivity levels after a* nuclear emergency.**

***Mr Donald Thompson*, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, emphasized that the debate was not about precise permissible levels of radioactivity: those were still being discussed in Brussels and Strasbourg.**

**The debate was concerned with the principle, which the Government believed was important, that agreed levels should be related to scientific advice, particularly when it was provided by the Community's own experts.**

***But Dr David Clark*, Opposition spokesman on environmental protection and development, said that they must always err 10 times on the side of safety *in matters such as this. Sweden's* approved contamination level was 300 becquerels; West Germany's was 600. So Britain's present limit, even now, was by no means low.**

***Mr Richard Livsey*** **(Brecon and Radnor, L) warned the Government that there would be loss of public confidence if present approved levels were tampered with.**

***Mr Edward McGrady*** **(South Down, SDLP) said that every country could produce the scientists it needed to back up its own arguments.**

**If the British Government was going to base its legislation on scientists' advice, which group would it listen to – those on this side of the Atlantic, or on the other? In the United States, scientists reckoned that European approved radioactivity contamination levels were between 10 and 20 times poorer than their own.**

***Mr Ronald Davies*, an Opposition spokesman on agriculture and rural affairs, challenged the Government's contention, that scientific opinion was united in believing that 5,000 becquerels was acceptable, when, in Britain and in Europe it was deeply divided.**

**"The European Commission are recommending a 75 per cent reduction in the level recommended by their own scientific advisers, and political opinion among the member states is divided, too."**

***Mr Wyn Roberts*, Minister of State, Welsh Office, said that the proposed *standards were intended to be applied in* emergencies. They were not the same as routine, long-term standards.**

**The motion to take note of the document was carried by 187 votes to 127 – Government majority, 60.**

## House of Lords

# Move on children's services

*The following report of a House of Lords debate on children's health care appeared in later editions of this newspaper yesterday.*

*The Government is to improve* the integration of services provided for the health and welfare of children, the House was told. During the debate, peers complained about squabbling among adults charged with looking after children.

*Lord Skelmersdale, Under* Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, said that the Government was aware of the problem and was taking it seriously.

It had established schemes in four health districts and the *results would be available in* about eighteen months. They would enable the Government to give advice and guidance on *the organization and manage*ment of child health care to the relevant authorities.

Opening the debate, **Lord Lovell-Davis** (Lab) said that little progress had been made in child health care in the 10 years since the Court committee had recommended an integrated service to help parents to care for their children's health.



**Lord Skelmersdale**

Not only had the position failed to improve, in some respects it had declined. Since 1977 the proportion of children living in poverty had increased. Physical abuse was still a problem and sexual abuse had proved a greater and more complicated problem than anyone had imagined *10* years ago.

The core of the problem, which had bedeviled not only child care but the health service generally, was the continuing argument among professional health workers over their territorial rights and practices.

● The nation suffered a disability divide resulting from the difference in the quality of life, income and expectations of people with disabilities compared with the non-disabled, Lord Carter (Lab) said.

Opening a debate on the *problems* of the disabled, he said that it was shameful that, of the three million disabled in the United Kingdom, two million were living in poverty or on the edge of poverty. That figure covered 60 per cent of disabled people compared with 28 per cent of the non-disabled who were in similar distressed circumstances.

The Government's proposed *changes* to supplementary benefits and allowances, due to take effect from April 1988, would mean that almost all disabled *people would be worse off*, particularly the severely disabled. All newly disabled after that date would be in a worse *position.*

**The Earl of Arran**, for the Government, said that expenditure on the disabled this year was an increase in real terms of 70 per cent over 1979.

Far more people were getting *disability benefits and there had* been a considerable increase in the total amount of benefit being paid.

# Bill on borrowing limit is welcomed

SCOTLAND

A former Secretary of State for Scotland, **Mr Bruce Millan** (Glasgow, Govan, Lab), welcomed the Scottish Development Agency Bill when debate on second reading resumed in the Commons.

Earlier debate on the measure, which proposes to increase the agency's borrowing limit from £700 million to £1,200 million, had been adjourned in the early hours of October 22 after Opposition MPs from Scotland had said they were prepared to debate the Bill all night if necessary.

**Mr Millan** said that Labour MPs in Scotland appreciated the contribution the SDA had made to Scottish economic *interests.*

However, there would be a reduction of £100 million in money going to Scottish industry from regional development grants. In addition there was to be a further review of regional aid: a review downwards and not to remedy some of the disastrous effects of the changes that had already taken place.

The new review was being proposed by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, *Lord Young of Graffham. It* seemed that since he was not to be chairman of the Conservative Party he would have *more time on his hands to* damage the Scottish economy.

The only criticism he had of the agency was that it had been *unenthusiastic* about the older industries as compared with the high technology industries.

**Mr Nicholas Fairbairn** (Perth and Kinross, C) said that the SDA had been transformed into a company that was essentially an investment bank for successful industry. When 400 American firms were asked where they would locate in Europe, 80 per cent said Scotland; when asked which had been the most successful development agency in Europe, 80 per cent said the SDA.

**Mr Thomas Graham** (Renfrew West and Inverclyde, Lab), in a maiden speech, said that he agreed *that the SDA should* have increased borrowing capacity, but his constituency would receive less assistance

# Scottish Assembly

The Prime Minister rejected a demand from Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk West, Lab) for a referendum on the constitutional future of Scotland.

Mr Canavan said during Prime Minister's questions that during her visit to Scotland last *month* Mrs Thatcher had made the absurd claim that there was little demand for a Scottish Parliament or Assembly.

"If the Prime Minister is still stubbornly refusing to accept that at the general election she was rejected by 76 per cent of Scottish voters, who voted for parties committed to some form of Scottish Assembly, will she now consider . . . a referendum on the constitutional future of Scotland?"

**Mrs Thatcher** said that Mr Canavan would remember a previous referendum on this matter. "Many of us on both sides believe such an assembly as he wants would be the first step towards separatism".

# Employment warning

If President Reagan cut the federal *deficit by $23 billion* next year, that would have a powerful deflationary effect on the world economy, reduce the United States economy by 10 per cent and could raise European unemployment to 24 million, **Mr Stuart Holland**, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, said during question time.

Mr Lawson, Chancellor Kohl and M Chirac *should be producing* a budget to expand the European economy.

**Mr John Major**, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, replied that Britain had the fastest rate of growth in the industrialized world.

# No voting matter

The Prime Minister rejected a Labour suggestion that the chairman of the Conservative Party should be elected by a postal ballot of the countrywide membership of the party, and added that she would *not follow* Mr Kinnock's example and take the chairmanship herself.

The suggestion of a postal ballot was made by Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) "in view of the Government's interest in internal trade union matters".

He added that in view of the Conservatives' difficulty in getting someone to do the job, Mrs Thatcher should know that Mr Michael Heseltine (Henley, C) was keen and anxious to do it. Was he on the short list?

**Mrs Thatcher:** I will not follow the Labour Party by taking the office of chairman of Conservative Central Office myself.

● During question time in the House of Lords **Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos**, Leader of the Labour peers, congratulated Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, on his decision to concentrate on the work of his department and resist any blandishments to go to less profitable fields (as chairman of the Conservative Party).

**Lord Young** replied that he understood no second salary had been involved.

# Row over sucession

Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, Con) was howled *down when he appeared to* challenge the Prince of Wales' right of succession.

Mr Marlow asked the Commons, during Business Questions: "Isn't it a bit strange that succession to the Throne is by the eldest male heir rather than by the most suitable heir?

"Would it not be better if it were either male or female..." but he was *shouted down.*

The Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, told him: "I don't think you can ask a question of *that kind.*"

# MP's T-shirt upsets Mr Speaker's sense of due decorum

***Mr Tony Banks*** **(Newham North West, Lab) was reprimanded by the Speaker *(Mr Bernard Weatherill)* for appearing in the Chamber wearing a T-shirt bearing a logo of the African National Congress.**

***The Speaker*** **said before calling him to speak at business questions: "If he wishes to take part in the serious *business of the House, he really should* be appropriately dressed.**

**"He was a distinguished chairman of the Greater London Council. I do not *think he would have approved of this* kind of attire."**

***Mr Banks*** **replied that the Speaker was most fetchingly dressed himself. This was a perfectly legitimate peaceful protest. "I would hope this House would always tolerate a peaceful protest."**

**The Prime Minister's statement that the ANC was a terrorist organization had given great offence to the Commonwealth heads of Government in Vancouver.**

**Would she apologize to the United Democratic Front in South Africa, *which had broken off diplomatic* relations with the British Government until such an apology was made.**

**There should be an early debate on the situation in South Africa and the position of the ANC.**

***Mr John Wakeham*, Leader of the House, said that he could not promise an early debate.**

**The Prime Minister did sometimes say things which were uncomfortable to listeners, but that did not mean that what she said said was not perfectly justified and true.**

**Later, *Mr Dennis Skinner* (Bolsover, Lab) reminded the Speaker that exchanges about MPs' attire had *taken* place before the summer recess.**

**There should not be cheap remarks about people making peaceful forms of protest.**

**On Wednesday night, there had been people in the Chamber dressed like penguins.**

**He did not regard that form of dress as normal. Some would say it was fancy dress. But he was not making a fuss about it.**

**Other people in the Chamber were dressed, for reasons of custom, in what some would describe as kinky clothes (laughter).**

**Still others were dressed as barristers. Equally, he was making no complaint *about those matters, either. He accepted* them.**

***The Speaker*** **said that he was concerned about the dignity of Parliament.**

**It may have been a peaceful demonstration by Mr Banks, but the House of Commons proceeded by words *and argument rather than demon*stration.**



**Mr Tony Banks: Protest should be tolerated.**

# Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be:

**Monday:** Social Security Bill, second reading.

**Tuesday:** Chancellor's autumn statement. Employment Bill, second reading.

**Wednesday:** Urban Development Corporations (Financial Limits) Bill, second reading.

**Thursday:** Debate on Opposition motion entitled: "The economic consequences of the collapse in the financial markets".

**Friday:** Debate on Government initiatives on crime prevention.

The main business in the House of Lords will be:

**Monday and Tuesday:** Criminal Justice Bill, committee, sixth and seventh days.

**Wednesday:** Debate on the working of the House.

**Thursday:** Farm Land and Rural Development Bill, second reading. Sunday Sports Bill, committee.

# Women therapists win Acas review in equal pay battle

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Two High Court judges yesterday ordered an industrial tribunal to establish if the work done by three women speech therapists is of "equal value" to that of men doing comparable work in the National Health Service, then decide if they should be paid the same.

Their union says that the speech therapists' pay ranges between £6,500 and £13,000 for the most senior grades. By comparison, a male clinical psychologist starts at £8,500 and can earn £25,000, despite the women having the same responsibilities, qualifications and decision-making requirements.

But when they took their claim to the London central industrial tribunal last November, they were told no decision could be taken because Whitley Council regulations laid down the relative rates of pay.

Yesterday, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Mr Justice Taylor said the tribunal had been wrong to dismiss the claims of the women before looking into the facts and establishing if there were any "material" reasons for them not to be paid on an equal basis to men, other than by reason of their sex.



Mrs Clark yesterday: challenge on pay.

The judges' decision means that an Acas expert will be appointed to establish if there are any material differences in the work of the women which show why they should not get the same rates of pay as men doing comparable work. After the judgement, lawyers for the women said they saw it as a partial victory.

The three women are Mrs Elizabeth Clark, Mrs Lorraine Kelly-Atherton, and Dr Pamela Enderby, who were challenging the rates of pay they were getting from the health authorities for which they worked: Bexley Heath, South Glamorgan and Finchley, north London, respectively.

Their cases were taken to the High Court by the women's union, the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs and the Equal Opportunities Commission.

The union's officials claimed that the refusal of the NHS to pay the speech therapists similar rates to men doing comparable work created an under-class of women employees.

Lord Justice Croom-Johnson said the law required the employer to prove that the variation (of pay) "is genuinely due to a material factor which is not the difference of sex" and that would require evidence.

Such evidence was wholly lacking in the present case, he said. The tribunal had erred in law by not following the correct procedure. Both judges said they were remitting the case to the tribunal, where it is likely to be heard in the new year.

# Battered but unbowed, Kew reopens

By Andrew Morgan

For regular visitors to the Royal Britannic Gardens at Kew, stepping on to the estate yesterday after its post-storm reopening was like inspecting the family neighbourhood after military shelling.

Amateur botanists such as Mr Arthur Brookhouse, aged 73, a regular visitor for 35 years, returned to examine the holes where his favourite shrubs and trees had been.

Gone were the tulip trees, the black walnut near the orangery, the Holm Oak near the palm house and a liquid amber tree adjoining the Broad Walk.

Mr Brookhouse, from Hertfordshire, was surprised to find most of the gardens still closed for work on damaged trees. "These gardens are of great sentimental value. There will be a lot more distress when the remainder is opened", he said.

Mr Jerry Clohesy and his wife, Hilda, both 65, from west London, were grateful that none of the mature trees had fallen near the new Princess of Wales conservatory or the alpine house. "Kew is nothing like its former glory", Mr Clohesy said. "It will be 50 years before it is resurrected."

Mr Allen Smith, from Harrogate, was accompanying his two young children. "The saddest aspect is that at least two generations of children will not see Kew in its proper glory", he said.

On arrival, visitors received a note from Professor Arthur Bell, the director, apologizing for the closed areas and referring to the Kew Gardens Hurricane Fund. Mr Brookhouse hoped to donate £20 towards new saplings, which the staff will start planting next spring.



Mr Frank Soames, a regular Kew visitor, beneath one of the trees that survived the hurricane (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

Boxes have been put out at the two open gates and Mr Bob Skinner, a part-time gateman, said many visitors had donated.

The Kew Gardens Hurricane Fund – c/o The Director, Royal Britannic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3AB.

● A ship which predates the Mary Rose may have been unearthed by the hurricane-force storms.

The morning after many boats were sunk by the fierce winds, Mr Peter Wendes of Hayling Island, Hampshire, found an S-shaped piece of ancient timber that had been raised from the sea bed and deposited at Langstone Harbour.

A specialist from the National Maritime Museum is to investigate the timber, but Mr Alex McKee, who discovered the Mary Rose, and the Emsworth Maritime Trust believe it is likely to be pre-medieval.

## Journalist 'right to stay silent'

The public would be the losers if journalists were not allowed to protect the confidentiality of their sources, five law lords were told yesterday.

Mr Jeremy Warner, business correspondent of *The Independent* newspaper, is challenging in the House of Lords a Court of Appeal order that he must disclose his sources for two articles on takeover bids to Department of Trade inspectors investigating alleged breaches of insider dealing rules by Civil Servants.

Earlier this year, the High Court had found Mr Warner had a "reasonable excuse" for remaining silent. But the Court of Appeal reversed that decision.

Mr Sydney Kentridge, QC, for Mr Warner, aged 32, said the 1981 Contempt of Court Act recognized the public interest in confidentiality of sources except in specific instances including prevention of crime.

Mr Kentridge said Department of Trade inspectors had not given any "solid evidence" that offences had been committed.

Information on City scandals would dry up if journalists could not protect their sources.

He said: "The insider dealers will not suffer. The only people who will suffer will be the public."

But Lord Griffiths said Mr Warner's articles in *The Times* in November 1985 and *The Independent* in October 1986 – which correctly predicted Monopolies and Mergers Commission decisions – did not expose the scandal of insider trading and he could not see what public interest he was serving.

The law lords reserved judgement.

## Farmland rodent is eradicated

A 50-year battle to eliminate an imported foreign predator, which for years was a menace to domestic crops and river plants, appears to have ended in victory for the Ministry of Agriculture (Our Agriculture Correspondent writes).

The coypu, a large rodent imported from South America in the 1930s for the fur trade, escaped into the wild, bred prolifically and became a public enemy in many parts of East Anglia. Rewards were given for carcasses.

They devoured sugar beet, carrots and other root crops. The ministry started an intensive trapping programme in 1978. A dozen were trapped last April and there has been no trace since.

## Crash inquiry

An investigation into an accident on a level crossing when a steam train hit a car with two elderly women inside at Crowcombe, Somerset, was opened yesterday by the Department of Transport. No one was injured in the accident, the fourth on the 23-mile long West Somerset line, which opened in 1976.

## Drinking fine

A motorist who drank champagne after his car broke down was fined £30 by magistrates at Newbury, Berkshire, yesterday. Mark Richard, aged 21, of Bracknell, Berkshire, was breathalysed before his car was towed away.

## Shop attack

A butcher given a conditional discharge on Monday for shooting a youth when his shop window was smashed had a brick hurled through the window early yesterday. Mr John Smith plans to sell the shop, in Ilkeston, Derbyshire.

Weekend food prices

## Beef and sausages are good shopping choices

Beef is a good buy this week, whether the choice is a roasting joint, a warming stew or versatile mince. The average price of topside and silverside is £2.18 a lb, with a range of £1.79-£2.88. Forerib on the bone averages £1.52 a lb, stewing steak £1.46 and boneless brisket £1.57.

Rump steak is down a penny to an average £3.02 a lb. Home-produced lamb is stable in most areas and down 2p a lb in the South-east. New Zealand lamb prices are unchanged, with legs between £1.38-£1.59 a lb.

Pork boneless shoulder and spare rib chops make lovely kebabs for bonfire parties and there is also a wide variety of sausages. Most butchers make their own special recipe sausages and it is worth shopping around for one you really like.

Some meat and poultry offers on promotion this week include Sainsbury's pork boneless shoulder chops, down 20p to £1.28 a lb and spare rib chops, £1.08 a lb. Presto rump steak is £2.49 a lb and home-produced lamb chops, £1.68.

Dewhurst beef topside is £1.89 a lb, whole and half legs of pork, 99p a lb. Tesco fresh chicken drumsticks are 95p a lb and spare rib pork chops, 89p. Bejam spare rib chops are 96p a lb and boneless pork leg roasts, £1.49.

Supplies of good quality fish are widely available, with haddock and plaice recommended. Herring and mackerel are also in good supply and down in price to an average 88p and 64p a lb respectively.

Large cod costs between £1.40-£2.30 a lb and haddock £1.52-£2.60. Plaice, at an average of £2.15 a lb, is fractionally cheaper than last week.

Satsumas, probably the favourite citrus fruit of children, are now widely available at 26p-40p a lb. However, they could be sweeter. Supplies of English apples, Cox's, Spartans, the new Jupiter and Russets, are excellent.

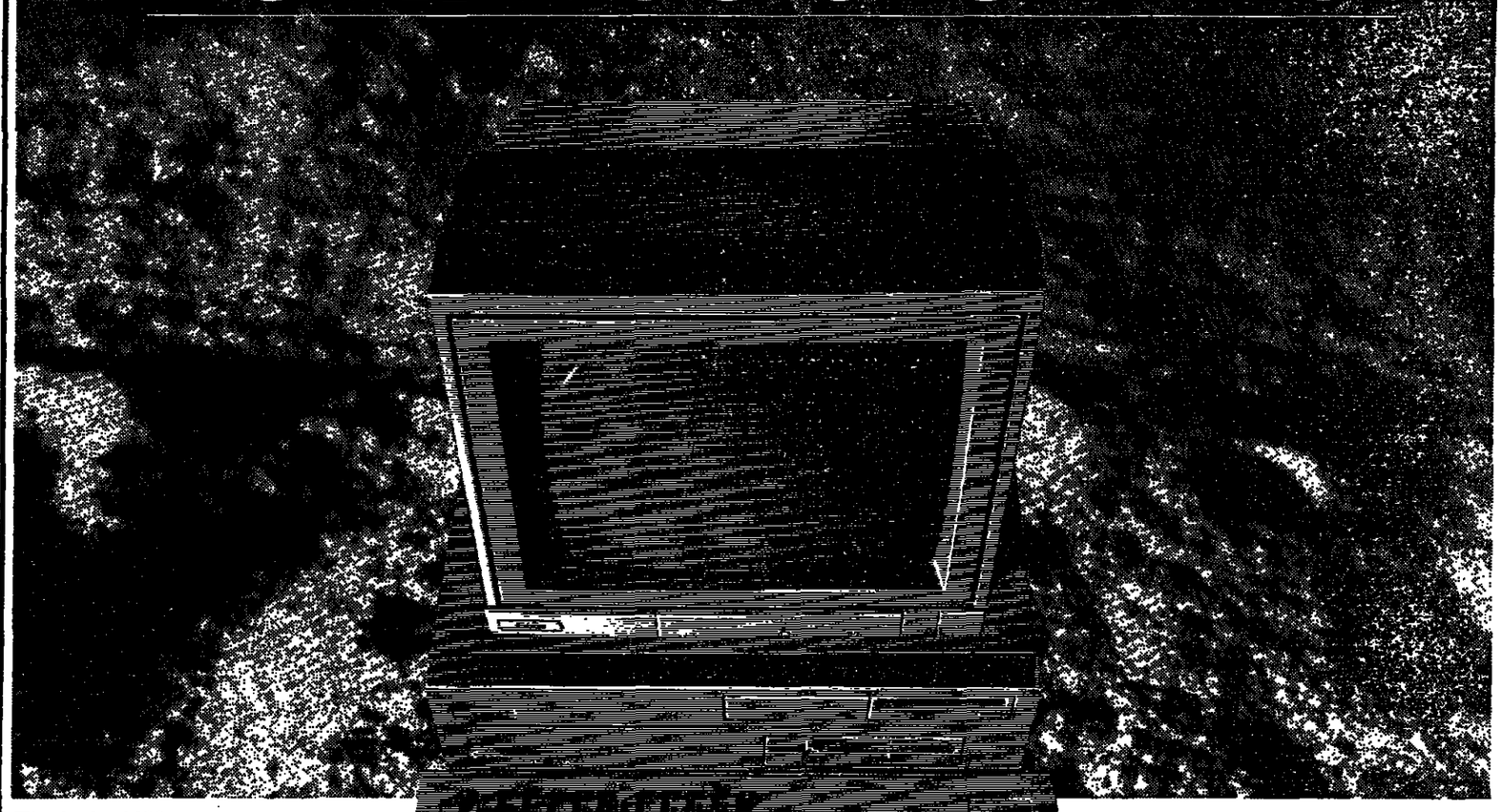
English Conference and Comice pears at 22p-50p a lb are excellent. Kiwi fruit, 12-20p each; avocados, 25p-60p each; black and white Italia grapes, 50p-90p a lb; and pomegranates, 20p-30p each, are all good.

Root vegetables such as carrots, parsnips, swedes and turnips are excellent. Cauliflowers are cheaper this week at 50p-65p a head. Broccoli, 60p-90p a lb, and English cabbages, 20p-30p a lb, are plentiful.

The best salad buys are iceberg lettuce, 55p-85p a head; Chinese leaves, 40p-75p; celery, 35p-55p a head; and tomatoes, 50p-60p a lb. Round lettuces, 18p-28p a head, may be scarce by the weekend.


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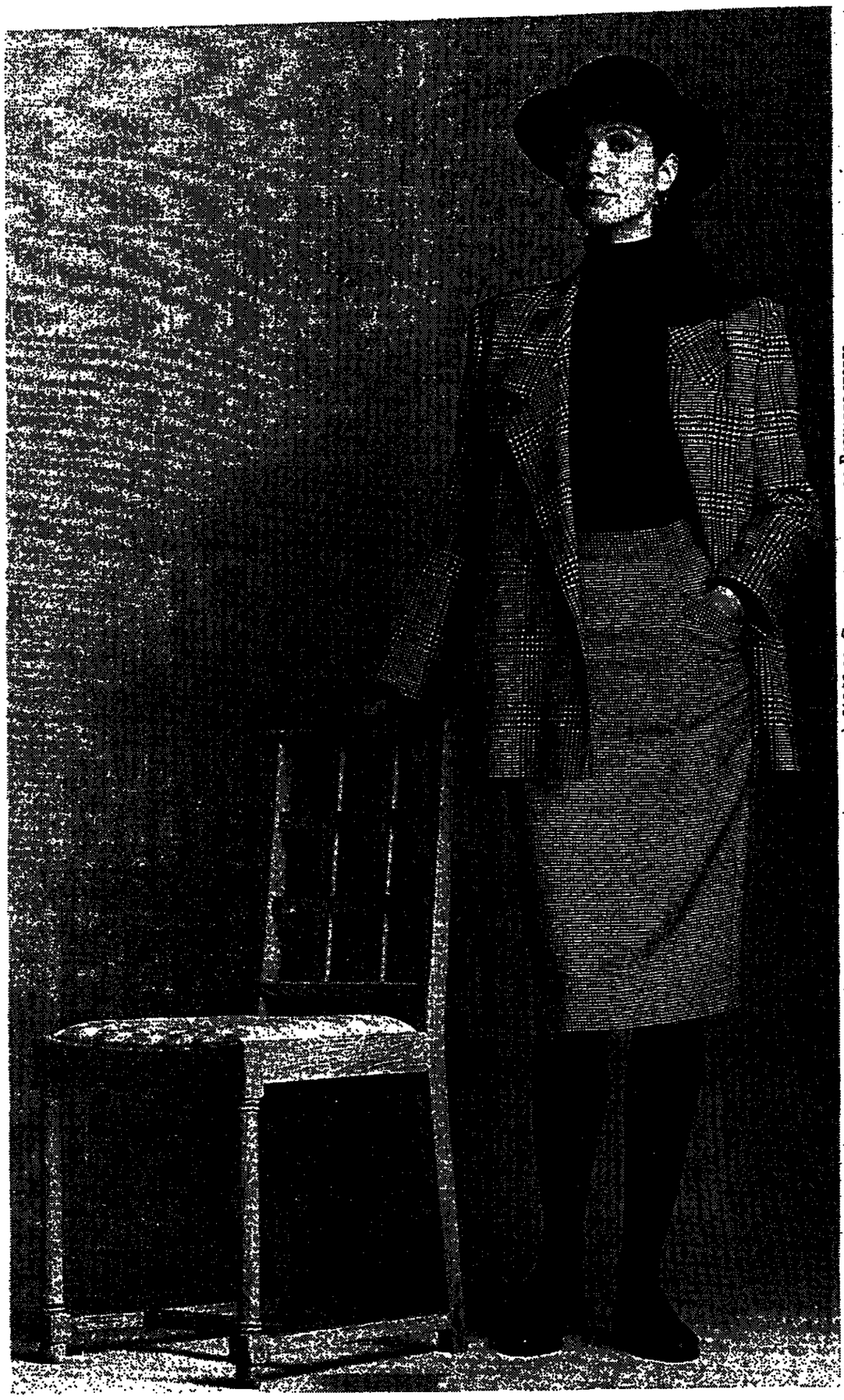
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WORLD SUMMARY

# French flee cloud of toxic fumes

**Paris** – More than 20,000 people were evacuated from their homes yesterday after a warehouse fire in the port of Nantes, western France, produced a toxic cloud of gas and smoke eight miles long (Susan MacDonald writes).

The fire, in a fertilizer warehouse containing hundreds of tonnes of ammonium nitrate, started early yesterday morning. A thousand firemen and police fought to bring it under control as thick, billowing clouds of whitish-yellow smoke poured from the top of the building. The danger to health led local authorities to order the evacuation of of the immediate area to avoid serious respiratory problems. No casualties had been reported by last night, but three people were taken to hospital for observation.

The fire was finally brought under control in mid-afternoon, but the continuing danger from the fumes meant that those who had left their homes were advised to spend the night away. Schools and community centres were put at their disposal in towns outside the affected area.

## Hamadei trial set

**Bonn** – Mr Abbas Hamadei, aged 28, a suspected Lebanese terrorist charged with involvement in the kidnapping of two West Germans in Beirut last January, is to go on trial in Düsseldorf early next year, justice authorities said yesterday (John England writes).

Mr Hamadei is accused of abducting the men as hostages for the release of his brother, Muhammad, and also faces charges of coercing the Bonn Government and of smuggling explosives.

His brother, who is suspected of involvement in the hijacking of a TWA airliner in 1985 and the murder of an American passenger, is expected to go on trial later in the year on charges of air piracy, murder and smuggling explosives.

## Australia Nazi hunt

**Sydney** – Nazi war criminals hiding in Australia face up to 25 years jail under special war crimes legislation introduced in Parliament (Keith Dalton writes).

Alleged mass murderers are among 250 suspected Second World War criminals under investigation by a government team which last month returned from Israel, the Soviet Union, West Germany and Italy after gathering files on suspects who slipped into Australia as immigrants in the postwar confusion.

Instead of deporting or extraditing suspects, the new law gives full jurisdiction to Australian courts. Alleged war criminals will not be allowed the defence that they were following orders.

## Chun stays on guard



**Seoul** – President Chun Doo Hwan, left, may be prepared to relinquish his iron grip on South Korea soon – but not just yet (Gavin Bell writes). While signing into law a new constitution instituting democratic reforms yesterday, he made clear that he intends to remain until his seven-year term expires in February, and is resolved to exercise all his power to stop politicians, students and dissidents "polluting the atmosphere" of his successor's election.

## European forecasts

**Strasbourg** – The European Parliament yesterday called for a European weather forecasting service to give better warning of storms (Jonathan Braude writes).

In an emergency resolution, members of the Parliament said that the Common Market's meteorological services should co-operate and work towards a European service. The proposal follows the Meteorological Office's failure to predict Britain's hurricane-force gales two weeks ago.

## No return to Chile

**Santiago** – The Chilean newspaper *La Epoca* reported yesterday that the military Government will publish no more lists of exiled Chileans allowed to return home until Lieutenant-Colonel Carlos Carreno, who was kidnapped on September 1, has been released (Lake Sagaris writes).

*Radio Cooperativa* said a new communiqué from the kidnappers said that Colonel Carreno could be released within 24 hours if the procedure of exile was eliminated.

## Trawler blockade off

**Paris** – French fishermen have called off their blockade of the French cross-channel ferry ports after assurances from the Ministry for the Sea that the British Government would take a new look at their grievances over the extension of British territorial waters (Susan MacDonald writes).

The Boulogne and nearby Etaples fishing fleets Tuesday blocked the narrow harbour entrances at Boulogne and Calais on Monday and, bringing all ferry traffic to a standstill and forcing passengers and freight to transfer to Ostend and Zeebrugge.

# Bush fends off Republican presidential rivals

From Michael Binyon
Houston

Mr George Bush, the American Vice-President, strengthened his position yesterday as the leading Republican presidential candidate after strongly affirming his loyalty to President Reagan and fending off attacks by his rivals on the Administration's proposed arms treaty.

In the first nationally televised Republican debate held here, Mr Bush, who holds a commanding 43 per cent in the opinion polls, gave a confident performance, rebuffing attempts by his five challengers, especially those trailing far behind, to unseat him as frontrunner.

An opinion poll yesterday morning, taken mainly in states with early primaries, suggested Mr Bush won in the spirited debate, which was sometimes acrimonious and considerably more lively than the earlier Democratic debate.

The Vice President flatly refused to distance himself from President Reagan. "I could, but I won't," he replied when asked to state which policies he would have handled differently. He had resisted criticizing the President for seven years, and had "taken some shots" for that. But, he added, to loud applause: "In our family, loyalty is a strength, not a character flaw."

General Alexander Haig, the former Secretary of State and Nato Supreme Commander, wagged his finger in Mr Bush's face during one heated exchange over the nuclear arms treaty, which General Haig opposes. When Mr Bush accused him of changing his position, he shot back: "If you recall I fought it like the bloody death. I never heard a wimp out of you. Not a word." The loud roar showed that General Haig's sneaky attempt to introduce the "wimp factor" was not lost on the 2,000 strong audience.

Mr Bush also rounded sharply on Mr Pierre (Pete) Du Pont, the former Governor of Delaware, who attempted to improve his miserable position in the bottom of the poll with an ill-judged attack on Mr Bush's lack of vision and leadership.

The Vice-President called Mr Du Pont's proposed revamping of social security a "nutty" idea, and added: "It's fine when you're outside, carping, criticizing your president. It's very different when you're in there having to make the tough call."

Enjoying strong support from the audience in his adopted home state of Texas, he presented himself as the man in the hot seat with the "cool hands on the stick". Referring to his experience as a wartime fighter pilot, he added: "I've been co-pilot for seven years. I know how to land a plane in a storm."

Two other right-wing candidates, Mr Jack Kemp, the Congressman from New York, and the Rev Pat Robertson, who had been most critical of Mr Bush early in the campaign, were more muted. But they strongly insisted – as did everyone – that there should be no tax rise to cope with the Wall Street crisis. However, all six were clearly embarrassed by this latest setback to Republican chances and steered away from the subject.

Only Mr Robert Dole, the Republican minority leader in the Senate, spoke of an emergency and insisted that bipartisan policies were needed to cope with it.

Mr Dole, normally a waspish and witty speaker, was surprisingly subdued. Though his "handlers" and advisers afterwards insisted his laid-back confidence showed statesmanship, the opinion polls afterwards suggested that he lost ground badly in the debate, slipping back several points from the position of Mr Bush's closest rival.

However, Mr Robertson the former evangelical preacher, appeared to do well, emphasizing repeatedly the need for moral stances, favouring an amendment against abortion and promising to veto any legislation providing funds for planned parenthood.

The biggest loser was probably Mr Kemp, whose aggresive right-wing stance was dissipated in fuzzy answers.

Mr Du Pont, who like Mr Bush suffers from a wealthy upper-class image, articulated his bizarre positions on eliminating social security, farm subsidies and drugs in schools, but served only as a foil to give Mr Bush a chance to show some much-needed spirit and aggression.

# 20 Soviet editors hold congress to test glasnost limits

From Christopher Walker, Leningrad

For the first time in more than 50 years, editors of Soviet journals published independently from the Communist Party machine have held a congress in the Soviet Union which received the indirect sanction of the authorities.

A group of 20 editors attended the two-day meeting held in a literary club here last weekend, with six representatives of the official Soviet media invited as observers. A copy of the outspoken final communiqué demanding an end to administrative pressure on the Soviet press and a lifting of restrictions on the availability of copying equipment was made available to *The Times*.

"The meeting was quite unprecedented, a little bit of history", explained Mrs Yelena Zelinskaya, editor of the monthly journal *Mercury*, which is published on behalf of 12 unofficial political and environmental groups in Leningrad under the umbrella organization Epicentre.

The groups are fighting a number of officially approved projects including a £940 million plan to erect a giant dam across the Gulf of Finland. A number intend to field independent candidates at elections to the Leningrad City Council.

The independent journals, many of which are new, have circulations that often run into thousands. They are providing what Western observers see as a "loyal opposition" to the Communist Party.

Since the days of Stalin the state has not allowed unofficial groups to participate in public life and thousands of clubs and groups have been forced to meet in private.

Last weekend's congress was called to review the formidable legal and organizational problems facing the journals. In contrast with the dissident sheets distributed in the pre-Gorbachov period, copies are usually sent to the authorities and the names of contributors are openly identified.

"*Samizdat* as we used to know it is dead," explained Mrs Zelinskaya as we spoke in a cramped kitchen in a flat on the outskirts of Leningrad. "What we are doing is taking Mr Gorbachov at his word about the need to increase democracy inside the Soviet Union. We want to work within the law."

**Moscow – *Pravda* yesterday carried a prominent front-page report urging shoppers not to indulge in panic buying as rumours swept the country that price rises were imminent (Christopher Walker writes). It was seen as confirmation of reports suggesting hoarding was taking place in anticipation of promised price reforms.**

Mrs Zelinskaya, who organized the conference, told me she had only agreed to discuss it with a Western journalist because the official Novosti news agency had itself recently agreed to host a news conference for leaders of some of the unofficial groups. Their growing importance is marked by a new Russian word, *Niformalny*, coined to describe them.

Editors from Leningrad, Moscow and the Latvian capital of Riga attended the congress, which will be followed next month by the first national conference of the *Niformalny* groups in Leningrad. "The official press was there, but it will take them some time to decide whether or not they will even report what happened," said Mrs Zelinskaya, whose six-month-old journal is distributed in typed editions copied on carbon paper.

Among the more controversial plans put forward by a number of the groups whose journals were represented is a demand for the countrywide establishment of official memorials dedicated to the millions of innocent victims of Stalin's reign of terror.

One of the four resolutions which the congress demanded be included in the new Soviet press law now under national discussion stated: "Everything should be allowed that is not banned by the law. All administrative pressure on the press should be halted. Complete freedom should be set for the press within the 'limits of legal responsibilities'."

In Leningrad, where the unofficial groups have proved more outspoken and active than in Moscow, members of the groups have taken to speaking publicly on Saturdays in a park behind the imposing Russian Museum.

Diplomats who have been following the expansion of the *Niformalny* groups with intense interest liken their activities to the Green parties in some parts of Western Europe. "Although they are only at an initial stage, it would be a mistake to underestimate them," one envoy said. "These are the people who are eventually going to test the limits of *glasnost*."

# Moscow invests in Greek alumina

From Mario Modiano
Athens

The warm relationship between Greece and the Soviet Union bore fruit this week when Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, launched construction work on a £350 million alumina plant on the Gulf of Corinth, the first Soviet industrial investment in this country. The plant, which is planned to be operational in 1992, will process local bauxite into alumina, the raw material for aluminium production.

The Soviet Union, which is supplying the equipment, technology and credits for the project, also agreed to purchase the entire annual production of 600,000 tonnes for a decade. The deal is political rather than commercial, since the outlook for the world aluminium market would hardly justify such a massive investment.

Mr Papandreou said that the project would radically change the pattern of Greek exports. "The image of the Greek producer . . . who was only fit to supply raisins for the English pudding, belongs to the past."

# Jump start for taxi driver



**M Norbert Benazous, president of the French taxi-drivers' union, leaps from his seat as he samples the electric shock security system some Parisian drivers have installed in their cabs to deter would-be aggressors. A recent series of muggings and murders has prompted taxi drivers to turn to this and a number of other ingenious security devices.**

**Desolation on Everest**

# Early winter traps climbers at glacier

By Ronald Faux

The two climbing seasons on Everest that allow mountaineers a weather window to attempt the summit from either Nepal or Tibet, are bounded by ferocious weather.

The three months of spring deteriorate into the high winds and heavy snow of the monsoon while the post-monsoon freezes into the Himalayan winter – which has come a little early this year, trapping more than 100 climbers at 17,000 ft on the Rongbuk glacier of Tibet.

Even in fair weather it is a desolate but impressive place. The base camp lies half a mile from the glacier snout, a high wall of debris fringing the raw ice. Beyond rises the white bulk of Everest, bordered on the left by the north-east ridge which a British expedition has been attempting, and on the right by the shallow angled line of the west ridge.

The Chinese authorities, keen to turn the ambitions of foreign climbers into foreign currency, allow a large number of expeditions onto the mountain, each one engaged on a different route to the summit.

The properly organized attempt will have enough supplies to withstand any siege imposed by the weather, although there must be some concern that, if the winter has set in with a vengeance, escape may be difficult across the 17,200 ft Peng La pass to Xgurr, the nearest settlement on the road to Lhasa and about 60 miles from base camp.

Military helicopters could be used, but it is more likely that supplies will be taken in by the teams of lugubrious yaks that struggle through the deepest snow carrying heavy loads. With bitter weather and storms reported, it is unlikely that any further progress will be made on the unclimbed north-east ridge, which becomes prone to avalanches after heavy snowfall.

The last reports were that the British team, led by Mr Doug Scott, were approaching the Pinnacles – a series of rocky spires at 26,000 ft where the north-east ridge joins the main triangular bulk of Everest. It was here, a key part of the climb, that two British mountaineers were lost in 1982.

The Rongbuk glacier, 9,000 ft lower on the mountain, is not without danger in bad weather. The river will have frozen over; the memorial cairns to climbers who have died on the mountain buried beneath drifts of snow. Mountain sickness among the scores of trekkers who make their way illegally to base camp from Xgurr is common. If the way down the valley is blocked, the only certainty of safe recovery at lower altitude is also cut off.

Winter weather and high altitude are lethal for the ill-prepared, although the British team should have no trouble weathering the storm in their base camp tents and could provide a refuge for others.

# Ecuador state of emergency lifted after national strike

**Quito (AFP)** – President Febres Cordero of Ecuador yesterday lifted a national state of emergency he had imposed on the eve of Tuesday's banned national strike in factories and businesses across the nation.

Under the decree, the armed forces had been in charge of keeping public order, constitutional guarantees were suspended and the Government censored the press. Police had previously used tear gas to disperse strikers from the United Workers Front (FUT), which groups the largest unions in the country. The strikers said that 100 people were detained but officials said only six were arrested.

The strike was called to press for the dismissal of the Interior Minister, Señor Luis Robles Plaza, who has been charged with human rights abuses by a congressional inquiry.

● **Tempestuous term:** It was the sixth general strike during President Febres Cordero's often tempestuous four-year term, which is now drawing to an end (Geoffrey Matthews writes).

Señor Robles Plaza is the President's right-hand man and the only surviving Cabinet member of the original Christian Democratic Government which took office in 1984. He has been censored by the left-wing majority in Congress, who demanded his resignation on allegations of human rights violations by police in cases of both criminal and guerrilla detainees.

As the minister responsible for the police, he was held accountable for the alleged police brutality, but his refusal to bow out has been strongly supported by President Febres Cordero.

The strike was but the latest clash between the Ecuadorean left and President Febres Cordero, a pro-Reagan right-winger who seems to thrive on confrontation.

Ecuadoreans will elect their next president in two stages next January and May. At present there are no fewer than 10 presidential candidates with Señor Rodrigo Borja, leader of the mainstream left-wing party Izquierda Democrática, the marginal favourite.

Señor Fernando Guerrero, acting leader of Congress and a member of the Socialist Party, condemned the introduction of the state of emergency, saying: "Nobody can deny a people's natural right to protest."

**US aid for Contras**

# Reagan waits for peace plan to fail

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan, backing away from certain defeat in Congress, is expected to wait until January before seeking renewed military aid for the Nicaraguan Contras. By then, the Administration believes the Central American peace plan will have collapsed.

The move is expected to be coupled with a request for more non-military "humanitarian" aid to keep the Contra army alive until January.

The peace agreement, signed by all five Central American presidents, is due to take effect on Thursday, but evidently none of the countries is in a position to comply fully with it by then. The emphasis is now shifting to January 7, when the five presidents are due to meet to review progress.

Mr Frank Carlucci, the National Security Adviser, met key Republicans earlier this week to assess the prospects of getting renewed Contra aid from the Democratic-controlled Congress. He was told that the Administration would lose badly if it pressed for a vote now.

President Arias of Costa Rica, the principal author of the peace plan, said yesterday that the peace process is "at an impasse" because Nicaragua was refusing to negotiate a ceasefire with the Contras.

The peace plan is obviously in trouble. The five Central American foreign ministers ended a meeting this week without making any clear progress.

● **MANAGUA:** The two most senior leaders of El Salvador's Revolutionary Democratic Front will go ahead with plans to return from exile despite the assassination of a prominent human-rights activist, according to the front's vice-president, Señor Ruben Zamora (David Gollob writes).

Señor Herbert Anaya, president of the Salvadorean Human Rights Commission, was shot outside his San Salvador home on Monday morning.

Señor Zamora announced in September that, because of a decline in death-squad activity, it was now safe for him to return. The front's president, Señor Guillermo Ungo, subsequently announced that he would also return after seven years in exile.



**Mr Frank Carlucci: Warned of defeat in Congress.**

# Indian poll supports crackdown on Tigers

From Kuldip Nayar
Delhi

Public opinion in urban areas of the Indian state of Tamil Nadu overwhelmingly supports the Indian military operation against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the main Tamil guerrilla group in Sri Lanka, according to an opinion poll conducted by *Hindu*, an influential Madras English daily.

It said 72 per cent expressed support for the Indian peacekeeping force and its operations, while 23.1 per cent were opposed to it. The rest did not express any opinion.

The *Hindu* conducted the poll, with the help of a market research bureau, on October 22, 23 and 24 in Madras, Madurai, Coimbatore, Tiruchi and Salem, the main cities of Tamil Nadu. A total of 1,124 voting age respondents, divided equally between men and women and chosen through a rigorous sampling procedure, were polled.

The findings will please policymakers in Delhi because the opposition parties in Tamil Nadu are critical of India's role.

Meanwhile, information from authoritative sources in Delhi suggests the Tigers are getting arms via Singapore.

● **COLOMBO:** Mr Natwar Singh, India's Minister of State for External Affairs, and President Jayawardena yesterday discussed ways of restoring normality in the Northern and Eastern provinces of Sri Lanka (Vijitha Yapa writes).

Mr Singh said he hoped that all democratic and constitutional processes and the civil administration would be restored. He said the worst was now over and the Indian-Sri Lankan accord of July 29, 1987 could now be implemented. Certain aspects of the devolution package would need to be discussed when President Jayawardene and the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, meet in Kathmandu next week.

Sporadic skirmishes are continuing between the Indian peacekeeping force and the Tamil Tigers in the north and east.

# Sad and unseemly climax to drama of Titanic

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

**In inimitable Hollywood fashion, the faded belongings of some of the victims of the Titanic disaster were pulled from a decaying leather valise and an assistant purser's safe on Wednesday night to form the climax of an unseemly live television "spectacular".**

**Telly Savalas, who plays the television detective Kojak, was the host of "Return to the Titanic" which, for many relatives of the dead, was a ghoulish and disgusting violation of a grave. The programme reached 100 million people around the world.**

**Diamonds, bank notes, coins, jewels and a gold pendant with the inscription "May this be your lucky star" were taken from the safe, theatrically guarded by uniformed men with guns. But all the drama of "opening" the safe was pure theatre since its back had lone ago rotted away.**

**Items of jewellery and thick wads of banknotes, black and crumbling, were taken from the valise and plopped into clear plastic containers.**

**Experts delivered vague and instant judgements. Most of the notes were said to be US dollars. One expert thought that some coins were assuredly worth $5,000. But there was nothing exceptional, just the everyday trinkets of the rich.**

**Although broadcast live from the Centre for Science and Industry in Paris, the programme was not shown on French television, because no station would pay the reported $250,000 cost – apart from the fact that the event was conducted at a time when French stations are normally off the air.**

**Telly Savalas's prepared script was not a little nauseating: "After the Titanic sank on that cold April night, no one ever believed it would be seen again. She was the biggest and the best of the Edwardian era. When she went down the disaster was so stunning that the word changed from 'unsinkable' to 'unthinkable'."**

**The programme was widely condemned yesterday. "History has not been well served, nor have the memories of 1,523 who perished, nor have the lives of the 25 living survivors, nor relatives who view it as the desecration of their loved ones' graves," an official of the Titanic Historical Society, Mr Charles Haas, said.**

**Dr Robert Ballard, who discovered the wreck two years ago with the help of the French researchers who conducted the salvage operation, watched the show with sadness. "I had hoped the final chapter on the Titanic would be better than this. Perhaps they will leave it alone now. Let's hope they will let it rest in peace," he said.**

**The programme was produced by Westgate Entertainment, of Hollywood, which 18 months ago broadcast the live opening of a secret vault constructed by Al Capone.**

**It proposed a new theory: rather than an iceberg, could an explosion have torn a hole in the Titanic's side and been concealed because of the insurance? Non-Hollywood experts dismissed the idea as sensationalism.**

Communist rebels blamed

# Squads of assassins in the Philippines claim more victims

From Humphrey Hawksley, Manila

Another five people died as a spate of murders by teams of professional assassins continued in the Philippines yesterday, and the armed forces chief of staff, General Fidel Ramos, blamed the communist New People's Army (NPA).

Two soldiers and two civilians were killed at a morning market, and a few hours later a police captain died in a Manila slum district. At least 14 people have died in three days of assassinations.

A caller to a Western news agency said yesterday that the communist urban guerrilla unit known as the Alex Boncayo Brigade had killed the three Americans who died near the big United States Clarke air base 50 miles north of Manila on Wednesday.

He said seven more Americans would be assassinated and that the attack was a response to the delivery last week of 10 American armoured personnel carriers, sent to help the armed forces in their fight against the communist insurgents. "That means one American for each carrier," one official commented.

There was no way of authenticating the call, but the NPA gave a warning earlier this year that American servicemen could become targets for assassination if the United States increased its support for the Government's fight against the insurgency.

On Wednesday, a private radio station carried another warning by the NPA that it would increase what it called its "terrorist activities" in Manila.

The Alex Boncayo Brigade is named after an NPA hero who was killed several years ago in a shooting incident involving the security forces. It is the best known of several squads operating in what the NPA calls "sparrow units" — named for the swiftness of their attacks.

"The murder of three Americans has won them the prestige and publicity which years of killing soldiers in the provinces has not," one diplomat said. The killings gave the American Under-Secretary of State, Mr Michael Armacost, a troubled visit, and observers say their timing is significant: the NPA is keen to let the United States know it is a force be reckoned with.

Before leaving for South Korea yesterday, Mr Armacost said that the murders of the American servicemen would not deter the US from continuing economic and military assistance to the Philippines. He announced the allocation of another 150 lorries to the armed forces.

During his visit, Mr Armacost was also trying to counter reports that conservative officials in Washington were becoming increasingly concerned about President Aquino's administration. There are reports of contacts here between opposition right-wing politicians and American officials, with both parties concerned about two main issues: Mrs Aquino's ability to stop the growth of the communist insurgency and her ability to guarantee the future of the two American bases in the Philippines, which are at the centre of US defence policy in the Asia-Pacific region.

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# Malaysian arrests attacked



Malaysia's first Prime Minister after independence, Tunku Abdul Rahman, attacking the Government as he talked to journalists yesterday in Kuala Lumpur following the arrest of a further 16 people. The Government says the arrests — 79 since Tuesday — are to reduce tension between Malays and Chinese.

Those detained include government and opposition politicians (Reuter reports). Tunku Rahman roundly condemned the arrests as unworthy of a dictatorship. "This is most undemocratic and I deplore the attitude of the Prime Minister. It portends ill for the future", he said, referring to Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamed who has banned rallies, including one by his own United Malays National Organization (UMNO) party. The party has been at odds with the most senior Chinese party, the Malaysian Chinese Association, over many issues.

# Zhao 'to continue as Prime Minister despite party job'

From Mary Dejevsky, Peking

China's acting Communist Party leader, Mr Zhao Ziyang, will not resign as Prime Minister next week even if, as expected, he is confirmed as party general secretary, Mr Gu Mu, a senior member of the Chinese leadership, said yesterday.

Mr Gu, who is a member of the state Council and has special responsibility for China's policy of opening up to the outside world, told journalists in Peking that Mr Zhao would retain the prime ministership at least until next March when the National People's Congress (NPC) — China's equivalent of a parliament — is next scheduled to meet.

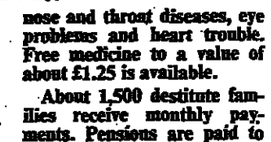
In principle, the Prime Minister can submit his resignation only to a full meeting of the National People's Congress, but it had been thought that he might leave the post immediately. This would have allowed the NPC Standing Committee — the body which handles the day-to-day running of parliament's affairs when the full NPC is not in session — to appoint an acting prime minister.

Mr Zhao's dual role as acting general secretary and Prime Minister has presented the Chinese leadership with a dilemma ever since January, when he replaced Mr Hu Yaobang as general secretary.

On the one hand, it was desirable for Mr Zhao to relinquish one of his two posts as soon as possible, because it is now official policy to separate party and state functions, and to discourage people from concurrently holding senior positions in both branches of the administration.

On the other hand, if he resigned immediately after the congress and an acting prime minister was appointed, this would make the NPC standing committee appear more important than it is suppposed to be, and would not be strictly constitutional. It would thus contradict the leadership's new emphasis on constitutionality and the rule of law in government.

It now appears that constitutional considerations



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have prevailed, at least for the time being. But the decision has wider ramifications. It gives Mr Zhao, whose power base is regarded as possibly weak by some Chinese of the "chattering" intellectual classes and by foreign observers, more time to establish his authority as leader. It also delays the contest for the post of prime minister.

Meanwhile, Mr Deng Xiaoping's own future position in the leadership remains in doubt, as further delegates to the party congress spoke of their desire to see him stay and their understanding of his wish to retire. An article in the official *Economic Daily* suggested, however, that comrades now understood that the long-term interests of the party required Mr Deng to leave so that younger people could take responsibility.


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Caring Islam

# Cairo centre vies with secular state

From Ian Murray, Cairo

With a piece of moon rock lent by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as the star attraction in its geological museum, a tree-shaded courtyard always crowded with patients and a long row of shoes outside the door of its mosque, the Mustafa Mahmoud complex is a shining example of a comprehensively caring Muslim community.

For the Egyptian Government it is also a worrying example, because its undoubted success in dealing with social problems in Islamic ways makes it a real rival to a secular state. It is suggesting that even in material ways Islam can provide more than the Government.

Built in 1978 with the help of £2.5 million in donations from the faithful, the centre is meant as a merging of modern science and the Islamic faith. It includes a social centre, library, classrooms and meeting halls as well as the mosque, museum and clinic.

Its inspiration is Dr Mustafa Mahmoud, an energetic 57-year-old chest disease specialist, an award-winning author of 58 books including novels, short stories and plays as well as philosophy, and a television broadcaster with a popular weekly programme called *"Science and Faith"* in which he teaches that these are the two pillars of a sound modern society.

The centre's cheap medical service means that there is always a constant stream of patients making their way to the modern, well-to-do suburb of Mohandessin, where the complex covers around five acres. The mosque fronts a large, busy square; behind is the sheltered courtyard where patients sit on long wooden benches waiting for a consultation. Most of the women wear traditional dress with headscarves.

For one Egyptian pound, (27p) — a tenth of the usual fee — they can consult one of the 36 doctors. Business is so brisk that there have to be three shifts a day.

There are special sections for surgery, dentistry, ear, nose and throat diseases, eye problems and heart trouble. Free medicine to a value of about £1.25 is available.

About 1,500 destitute families receive monthly payments. Pensions are paid to invalids and people like lepers who cannot work. Poor students are given regular grants, as are the blind and the disabled. There is money, too, to buy wheelchairs, artificial limbs and spectacles. Some money, along with clothes and drugs, is sent to help the Mujahidin in Afghanistan.

The necessary cash comes in both donations and from the *zakat*, a levy all believing Muslims are meant to pay to help the needy. Last year the total income was around £140,000, of which £100,000 was spent and the rest banked to ensure that there is always at least four months' running expenses in hand. Overheads are low because so much of the work is done by volunteers, while the full-time doctors are paid very basic wages.

The services it provides are much cheaper and generally better and more caring than the state can offer; in this way it represents a real rival, and a powerful recruiter for Islam.

Lectures are given in the centre's classrooms on subjects like "the power of Islam". They are closed to foreign non-Muslims but Miss Nenat Guenena, a researcher at the University of Cairo, attended one.

The teacher was a young Palestinian woman doctor who explained that Islam does not reject modernization but certain parts of Western thought and behaviour which were designed to weaken Islam.

She cited as an example claims that Egypt was overpopulated. "The West is trying to brainwash us with this idea of over-population. It is not to their advantage that our Muslim people increases in number."

As a complex, the mosque is unique in Egypt. But its message and successful methods make it a prototype for the all-embracing Islamic state.

# West hopes Arabs will unite to pressure Iran

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Amid increasing frustration with the lack of headway by the United Nations to bring pressure on Iran, Western Governments are looking to the Arab world to fill the diplomatic vacuum.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, who flew to the Middle East yesterday, is among leaders who are privately urging Arab Governments to take a higher diplomatic profile. They are stressing the need for the 21-nation Arab League to show united opposition to Iranian attacks at its summit in Amman on November 8.

But the lack of firmness shown at a meeting of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council in Riyadh at the weekend has aroused pessimism about prospects in Amman. The Government hopes, however, that King Husain of Jordan may be able to persuade his guests to settle some of the rivalries which have so far blocked any united response to Iran.

Sir Geoffrey, who will use his visit to Egypt and Jordan to take stock of Arab attitudes, knows that the chances are not good. Syria and Libya still look unlikely to agree to anything stronger than a token slap on the wrist for Tehran. Even Oman, which has strong links with Britain and the US, is anxious to avoid taking sides. The best summit hopes are for progress in mending fences between Syria and Iraq, and between the League and Egypt.

# Two French guards killed by unknown assailants in Beirut

From Juan Carlos Gumucio, west Beirut

Gunmen firing automatic weapons from a speeding car yesterday killed two French Embassy guards as they walked into a shop in Christian east Beirut. A third guard was critically wounded.

None of the extremist groups active in Lebanon claimed responsibility for the mid-morning attack, and French officials were not willing to discuss theories or details of the ambush.

The assailants had apparently been following the French guards' jeep as they drove along the seaside road in the district of Dora. They waited until the men stepped out of their jeep and began to walk towards a shop. The relative safety of the Christian sector of the capital often allows less precautions.

On the pavement, the trio became an easy target. The gunmen fired short bursts from 9 mm weapons and fled in a red Datsun, which vanished amid the chaos provoked by the gunfire.

In Paris, a Foreign Ministry official identified the three men as paramilitary gendarmes assigned to the French Embassy in east Beirut.

Hospital officials said that one of them was killed instantly, the second died on his way to hospital, and the third remained in a grave condition. All three were shot in the head. A police officer said: "Obviously, the attackers are professionals."

It is most likely that their identities and their real affiliation will never be known. French nationals have been assassinated and kidnapped by groups responding to a variety of dictates. Anti-colonial feelings have always been a source of strong concern among the French community in Lebanon, and fears have increased following threats against France's support for American policies in the Middle East and the Gulf.

The attack was the second against French soldiers in east Beirut in 13 months. Colonel Christian Gouttierre, a military attaché to the French Embassy, was shot dead near the embassy compound on September 18, 1986. An unknown group calling itself "The Revenge and Justice Front" claimed responsibility for that assassination.

● **Open letter:** The family and friends of Mr Brian Keenan, kidnapped in the Muslim sector of Beirut on April 11, 1986, have written him an open letter in two of the nation's newspapers.

"We love you and miss you so much that words on paper could never explain. I am sure you know all this, but let's say it again and again", said the letter which appeared in English and Arabic, covering half pages in yesterday's editions of the independent *an-Nahar* and the left-wing *as-Safir*.

It was signed by "Mum, Minnie, and sisters Brenda and Elaine" and contained several references to Mr Keenan's family and closest friends.



Alice Lakwena with some of the senior members of her "Holy Spirit" movement at a guerrilla camp near Jinja. Her hymn-singing soldiers, protected by "magic oil", aim to capture Jinja, Kampala, and finally overthrow President Museveni.

# Mama Alice's magic sweeps Uganda

From Alastair Matheson
Nairobi

As the charismatic Alice Lakwena, leader of Uganda's "Holy Spirit Mobile Force", regroups her warriors for their most dangerous operation, the well-armed troops of President Museveni's army are strengthening the defences protecting Jinja, the country's second largest city, which her guerrillas now threaten.

After starting a 10-month campaign against crack government troops in her home district of Acholi, the 27-year-old professing Catholic has fought her way 500 miles south with some 6,000 followers. Now they are just 60 miles from their final objectives — the capture of the capital, Kampala, and President Museveni's overthrow.

On returning to Uganda this week from a three-week visit overseas, including the Commonwealth Conference, President Museveni vowed to crush the "Holy Spirit" movement within weeks. He said Alice Lakwena was a poor girl with a psychiatric problem, but she would have either to be captured or killed. He ruled out the possibility of any negotiations with her.

Although hers is only one of several guerrilla groups fighting the over-stretched National Resistance Army, the "Holy Spirit" army has achieved the near-impossible by eluding capture or defeat since last January, while armed with only a few ancient rifles, pistols and stick grenades.

Her hymn-singing soldiers, stripped to the waist revealing bodies glistening with "bullet repellent oil", rush fearlessly into combat, yet most survive to fight another day. "Mama Alice", as her men call her, says it is faith in God which protects them (as well as the stones she gives them, saying they will explode on impact).

The Ugandan Government claims to have killed 2,000 of her men, but she insists she never loses more than 20 in each battle — and there have been many battles.

Although no-one took her very seriously at first, the National Resistance Army now considers her force a serious threat — not least because of her mystical rites which blend Christianity with witchcraft. This has caught the attention of the receptive civilian population.

She claims the "Holy Spirit" took over her body after she spent 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness. She demands total abstinence from her followers — no sex, drinking, smoking or stealing. Otherwise, she warns, the magic oil will not deflect bullets.

# Israelis close riot university

From A Correspondent
Jerusalem

Israeli military authorities in the occupied West Bank yesterday closed Bethlehem University for three months after troops shot and wounded two students while breaking up a riot on the campus on Wednesday.

One of the students, a 22-year-old man, was hit in the head and was reported to be critically ill after surgery at a Jerusalem hospital. The other, a woman, was hit in the leg.

There were several incidents throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip yesterday but no casualties were reported.

Military sources said the troops at Bethelehem University had opened fire when they were surrounded by rioters throwing stones and petrol bombs. They said that students had been hit only after warning shots were fired and that an investigation of the incident was taking place.

The disturbances broke out during a demonstration to mark the anniversary of the killing of 49 Arab villagers by Israeli forces on the eve of the 1956 Sinai war between Israel and Egypt. The university was closed for a month last year after a similar demonstration on the anniversary of the same event.

The army said recently that it had acquired non-lethal anti-riot equipment to avoid serious injuries while dispersing demonstrations. Military sources said that both Wednesday's casualties had been hit by a small calibre sniper's rifle, but there was no explanation for the fact the student was shot in the head.

Kampala — Two gunmen shot and killed a Catholic priest as he drove his pick-up truck into the Kitovu Cathedral compound, 80 miles south of the Ugandan capital, Kampala, a church official said yesterday (AP reports). It appeared that the attackers of Father Ignatius Mukaaya, aged 50, stole the truck.

# EEC milk powder declared to be safe

Brussels — The European Commission has denied that EEC milk powder recently sent to Ghana was contaminated with radioactivity as the importers had claimed (Richard Owen writes).

Three weeks ago the Commission launched an inquiry into allegations that 750 tonnes of milk powder despatched to Ghana from Hamburg contained dangerously high levels of caesium.

Yesterday Commission officials said tests carried out by the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna showed the consignment contained less than 75 becquerels per kilo, a level far below the EEC safety level of 370 becquerels.

● **RIO DE JANEIRO:** Radiation which poisoned at least 244 people in the central Brazilian city of Goiania last month claimed a fourth victim this week.

## Seven cleared

Noumea (AFP) — Seven people charged with murdering 10 independence campaigners in New Caledonia last December have been cleared.

## Public shame

Islamabad — Five people, one of them a woman, have been sentenced to life imprisonment by a special Punjab court for disrobing a woman in public after assaulting her.

## Convicts die

Melbourne (Reuter) — Five prisoners, three of them convicted murderers, died in a fire they started themselves at Australia's Pentridge Jail.

## Arms haul

Wiesbaden (Reuter) — West German police detained two suspected weapons smugglers in Cologne after seizing 400 machine-guns and 2,000 hand grenades.

Dream of Maghreb unity

# Gadaffi brought in from the cold

By Susan MacDonald

Colonel Gadaffi predicts that a union between Libya and Algeria will be announced on Sunday in Algiers. But the truth of what will happen on what is an Algerian national holiday celebrating the start of armed resistance to French colonization is likely to be less spectacular.

Although Algeria and Libya have this year held many talks to strengthen economic links and have signed several commercial and cultural agreements, Algeria sees this important new understanding between the two most revolutionary countries in North Africa only as a basis for its long-term dream of Maghreb unity. This, in Algeria's eyes, would include, as well as itself, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia.

Despite recent American press reports expressing alarm that Algeria appears to be changing sides by bringing Colonel Gadaffi out of the isolation that Washington would like to see continue, the Algerian Foreign Office says there has been no sudden change of tactic, only a progression in its view that inclusion of the Colonel's regime on a sound economic basis is less dangerous than total isolation.

So, while union between the two countries is not for this Sunday, there could be announcements soon of Libyan inclusion in Maghreb agreements already in force.

It is difficult to imagine that Washington has really been taken by suprise over developments between Algeria and Libya, because it has close contact with the Algerian Government on areas of dispute throughout the world.

In fact, the Algerian Foreign Minister, Dr Ahmed Taleb Ibrahimi, is among the busiest of foreign ministers. Apart from North Africa, he is involved in discreet mediation in the Gulf, the Middle East (including negotiations over hostages) and Chad.

Dr Taleb Ibrahimi spends most of his working days travelling to Iran, the Middle East and Europe, and he is in close contact with Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the United Nations Secretary-General, in trying to find a solution to the Iran-Iraq war.

In Algerian eyes, the stumbling block to Maghreb unity is at the moment the war between Morocco and the Polisario Front in the Western Sahara. It believes that if this war can be resolved, much else will fall into place, and it undoubtedly has key roles to play in attempts to send a UN mission to study the situation next month, and in overcoming Morocco's refusal to recognize the Polisario.

# Black group ends links with Britain

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

One of South Africa's leading anti-apartheid organizations, the United Democratic Front (UDF), said that it was "suspending all relations with the British Government and its representatives".

A co-president of the front, Mr Archie Gumede, told *The Times* that the boycott would be maintained at least until Mrs Thatcher stopped referring to the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) as a "terrorist" organization.

"We feel very strongly about the attitude of the Tory Party and its leader. We will not suffer from the loss of contacts because we could not get less co-operation from the British Government than we are getting now," he said.

In Vancouver, Mrs Thatcher referred to the ANC as "a typical terrorist organization", and equated it with the IRA and the PLO. She said: "I have never seen anyone from the ANC, PLO or IRA, nor will I have any truck with those organizations."

Mr Gumede, a figure with whom British diplomats and officials have had useful contacts in the past, was commenting on the release here of an open letter from the front to Mrs Thatcher.

It remains to be seen how effective the boycott will be. British officials here maintain contacts with hundreds of black activists belonging both to the UDF, and other black political groupings.

● **LONDON:** Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and other Foreign Office ministers are expected to have no further contact with representatives of the ANC (Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes).

When Mrs Thatcher denounced the ANC there was some doubt at first as to whether she was making an off-the-cuff remark or a statement of policy, because her attitude represented a distinct shift from previously followed policy.

Both Sir Geoffrey and Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, have met Dr Oliver Tambo, acting president of the ANC.

But Mrs Thatcher said in Vancouver the meetings had taken place when Britain was acting as president of the European Community. She drew a distinction between a minister meeting the ANC in an EEC presidential capacity, and meeting as a representative of the Government.

Whitehall sources removed all doubt yesterday by saying Mrs Thatcher's statement represented the Government's policy.


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# SPECTRUM

**Last night Penelope Lively was awarded this year's Booker Prize for her novel *Moon Tiger* – here is an extract from it**

# A fascination in the desert




Illustration by Wendy Hollo



**Claudia Hampton, an old, mischievous popular historian, lies dying in a London hospital. In flashbacks, dreams, and conversations with her visitors she reconstructs the story of her life and turbulent times, in particular returning obsessively to its highest point: the brief encounter that haunts her, and happened when she was a war correspondent in Cairo during the Alamein campaign.**

See the picture of Rameses the Second, says the guide. "See the king is making a sacrifice to the gods and goddesses. See up there the lotus. See the magnificent carved pillar. Is 3,200 year old. Is 23 metres high. See at the top the carving of Victoria."

"See *what*, Mustapha?" says the padré.

"Please be using your binoculars, sir. See up there."

"Oh, I get you. Victorian, he means. Graffiti by Victorian travellers. Extraordinary thing, eh?"

"How did they get up there?" exclaims one of the ATS girls, and the others collapse with laughter. "The temple wasn't dug out then, you ass. It was full of sand. They were walking about at the tops of the pillars." And they drift out into the blinding sun again, towards the gharries that will take them back to Luxor, while Tom and Claudia linger in the hot dark shade, with Rameses the Second and the Rev John Fawcett of Amersham in the county of Buckingham 1859.

"Let's go back to the hotel," says Tom. "There are only six more hours till the train."

"We may never be here again," says Claudia, staring upwards. "Think of the Reverend John Fawcett, stumping about over our heads, back then."

"To hell with the Reverend John Fawcett," says Tom. "I want to go."

"I love you," says Claudia, not moving.

"I know. Come back to the hotel."

"On Wednesday morning you'll be in the desert again."

"You aren't supposed to think of that."

"I have to," says Claudia. "In order to keep a grip on things."

For there are moments, out here *in this place and at this time*, when she feels that she is untethered, no longer hitched to past or future or to a known universe but adrift in the cosmos. At night she looks at the sizzling stars, which cannot be the same stars that glimmer in English skies, and she feels eternal, which, far from being tranquil, is like some hideous fever – a psychological version of the malaria, typhoid, dysentery and jaundice that smite each and all at some point in this continent.

You lived from day to day. That, of course, is a banality but it had a prosaic truth to it then. Death was unmentionable and kept at bay with code-words and the careless understated style of the playing fields. Women whose husbands had bought it during the last push were seen a few weeks later being terribly plucky beside the swimming-pool at Gezira Sporting Club.

I remember laughing immoderately. Dancing. Drinking. People flowed into my life and out of it again, people I have never seen since, people I knew intimately: cronies in the Press Corps, men on leave from the desert, attachés at the Embassy, *éminences grises* at GHQ, and the flotsam of Cairo itself, the long-term residents, professional Middle Easterners running banks and businesses, peddling culture with the British Council or the English language to schools and universities.

The heroes of the hour – the swashbuckling brigadiers and colonels and majors of the Eighth Army – flitted like medieval barons between the battlefield and the sybaritic excesses of the city.

They left their tanks to come back for a few days' polo or some snipe shooting down at the Fayoum. I knew a whiskered colonel who kept a string of 10 polo ponies and a couple of Egyptian grooms, a laconic Hussar who set up a pack of hounds at Heliopolis to harry the jackals.

The very form of the war itself seemed to stress the analogy – sieges, tented armies, raids and skirmishes, a seasonal ebb and flow as the desert itself dictated advance and retrenchment. And, as the myth of Rommel grew, it was as though Saladin himself lived again – the cunning but gentlemanly enemy, giving no quarter but essentially chivalrous.

I wrote a piece about the modern Crusaders and sent it to a leftish London weekly – and got a tart response from an editor who did not see an analogy between the conscripted British working class and feudal retinues. Well, he had a point, of course, but at the same time you had to be stubbornly literal-minded not to perceive in this war an echo of that other European descent into the desert, *that other pouring of men and* weaponry into an alien landscape.

I sent the piece to Gordon, tongue in cheek, and had his answer flung back at me months later – "Typical Claudia romanticism." I didn't notice or care; by then I was thinking of other things.

In the Press Corps war was our business, of course. We hung around waiting for communiqués, press releases, rumours. We pursued those close to the moguls of GHQ, curried favour with crisp young attachés who might get us an interview here, some off-the-cuff remarks there.

We sat grumbling at the Censors' Office, waiting our turn in the labyrinthine processes of getting our copy to London. Or to New York or Canberra or Cape Town, for we were as international a bunch in our small way as the Cairo crowds. And I have to admit that like that chicken-brained Camilla with whom I shared a flat, I too had a sexual field-day.

I was one of very few women in what was predominantly a male *occupation, and I was by far the* best looking. As well as the most resourceful, the most astute, the least deceivable.

And the most immodest.

"And how did you wangle yourself out here?" he enquires.

"Natural talent," replies Claudia crisply. And immediately wishes she hadn't. It is the wrong note to strike – slick café society talk and they are not in Cairo now but somewhere in Cyrenaica and they are sitting on petrol cans eating a meal of bully beef, tinned rice pudding and marmalade.

Tom Southern looks at her and then down at his map. Someone puts a tin mug of tea into Claudia's hands. "Thank you," she says, humbly; she has learned, in these brief 12 hours out here, the value of such an offering.

It is perhaps midnight, and very cold. They sit outside the Press Tent. Within, the New Zealander is clattering out his account of the interview with the C-in-C. All around, figures move darkly against the silver sand, going to and fro between the just defined shapes of vehicles and tents. The sky is an immense black dome spiced with brilliant stars; the long white fingers of searchlights wander across it; the horizon flames with orange tongues; Very lights fly up – red, white and green.

Somewhere beyond it – where and how far no one is prepared to tell them – is The Front, that elusive shifting goal: a concept rather than a place. The men are hunched into greatcoats or tattered sheepskins. Claudia wears slacks, two sweaters and an overcoat and still shivers. Jim Chambers – who caught up with them again a couple of hours ago – yawns and says he will turn in now. Claudia and Tom Southern are left alone.

"Actually," she says, "I talked my way into it somehow."

He folds the map and puts it back in his pocket.

"That's what I assumed," he says. He smiles. He has the red-eyed, fixed look that they all have. A few hours earlier Claudia listened to a man talking in the deliberate, slurred tones of, as she thought (faintly incredulous), a drunk. Until she realized that what she was hearing was the voice of exhaustion. Many of these men have not slept for nights on end. The last push was only three days ago.

They begin to talk not of pushes or of flaps or of the next show, but of another time and another place. "When I was a child," says Tom Southern, "I was fascinated by the idea of deserts. Who wouldn't be, raised in deepest Sussex? It all stemmed from the notion of John the Baptist howling in the wilderness, and the illustrations in the Sunday School Bible – all those people in fancy dress with camels and donkeys. We once made a flour and water relief map of the Holy Land, I remember, with the Red Sea painted bright blue and Sinai a good hot yellow. Sometimes when I looked at the maps in HQ I remember that."

He has been here six months. Training in the Delta and now commands a troop of tanks. Was in last week's action.

"The nearest I've ever been to a desert," says Claudia, "is the beach at Charmouth. My brother and I used to collect fossils there. Fight over fossils."

"There are fossils here," says Tom Southern. "I found one yesterday. Would you like it?" He rummages in the pocket of his battle-dress.

"Thank you," says Claudia. "It's a starfish, isn't it? Goodness. All this was sea, once, then."

"Must've been. Which somehow puts one in one's place."

"Yes," says Claudia. "It does."

They sit, hands cupped round tea-mugs. Inside the tent the New Zealander's typewriter still clatters; the skyline still roars and sparkles; the shadowy figures plod to and fro across the sand.

"I keep a diary," says Tom. "Nicely cryptic, of course, in case I get put in the bag. But one of these days one may want to remember what all this was like."

"What is it like?" asks Claudia after a moment.

He lights a cigarette. He stares at her. His face, in the moonlight, is not brown but a blackish colour. "Hm . . . What is it like? Let's see . . . " But before he can go on the New Zealander appears, shuffling typescript and offering a hipflask of whisky. And it is decided that Claudia (who protests, of course) shall sleep in the Press Tent while the others will use the truck. Tom Southern is going to the coast tomorrow to bring up some tank replacements and has offered them a lift.

Claudia lies in a sleeping-bag in the tent. She does not sleep much. Once she raises the flap of the tent and looks out over the sand. There are other tents around, so small that she can see the booted feet of their occupants sticking out at one end. Elsewhere, bundled shapes lie up against trucks and Jeeps. A petrol can cooking-stove quietly smoulders. She turns on her side and the starfish, which she has put in her pocket, grinds against her hip. She takes it out and lies with it in her hand, running her fingers from time to time over the gritty stone, the five symmetrical arms.

No. I don't have it. I used it as a paperweight in the Cairo flat. It lay *on the table in front of the mesh*-covered window before which I was writing, looking out on to a garden brilliant with zinnias and bougainvillia and red canna lilies. A garden boy would sweep the paths, very slowly, all morning, or wander with a length of hose among the flower beds, chivvied by the French landlady. When I left I gave Madame Charlot the few bits and pieces I had accumulated – the brass tray from the Mouski, the leather pouffe, the primus stove. Perhaps the starfish is in that garden, edging a path.

Madame Charlot referred to herself as French. In fact her father was Lebanese and her mother one of those essentially Cairene figures of an ancestry as complex as the city – a tiny red-haired old lady whose native language certainly appeared to be French but who also spoke Arabic and Russian and a maverick form of English.

She and her daughter festered their days away in an overfurnished under-aired room full of Empire chairs and sofas from which they emerged to harry the servants and cast inquisitive looks upon their tenants. When in the evenings we entertained friends on the balcony of our flat, Madame Charlot would patrol the garden, watering the lurid lines of zinnias and glancing covertly upwards. She always wore shapeless black dresses, topped by a grey cardigan in winter, and with stockings throughout the stifling Cairo summer.

I never once heard her refer either to the war or to her husband, who was never seen or heard of. Both, presumably, were inconveniences kept at bay by *ignoring their existence.*

When I came back I was ill. I typed with a rising temperature, bribed Camilla with a bottle of 'Evening in Paris' to take the stuff down to the Censor's Office and then lay rocking in bed for a week with malaria, wondering if it had not all been a figment of the fever.

Wars are fought by children. Conceived by their mad demonic elders and fought by boys. I say that now, caught out in surprise at how young people are, forgetting that it is not they who are young but I who am old. Nevertheless, the faces of the Russian front, the million upon million dead Germans, dead Ukrainians, Georgians, Tartars, Latvians, Siberians are the plump unlined faces of youths. As are the faces of the Somme and of Passchendaele. The rest of us grow old and tell each other what really happened; they, of course, will never know, just as they never knew at the time. The files of newspaper libraries are stuffed with these baby-faces, grinning cheerfully from the decks of troop-ships, from train windows, from stretchers. In pursuit of truth and facts, in the exercise of my craft, I have looked at them and thought of the slipperiness of whatever fact or truth it is that makes these faces change with the eyes that view them. It was not boys I saw in 1941.

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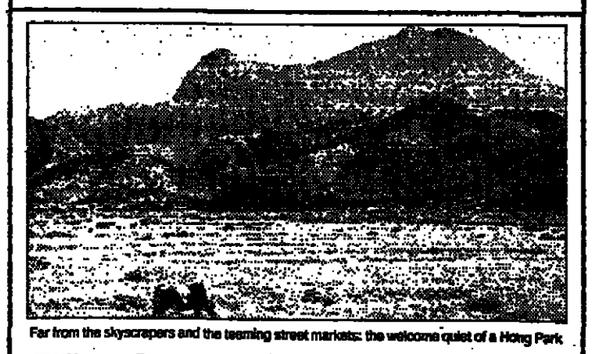
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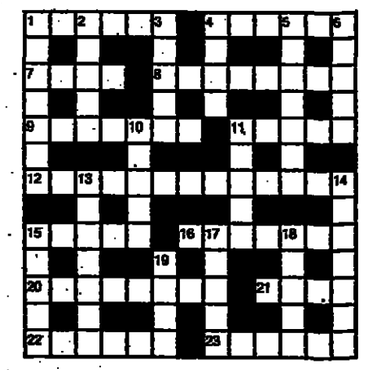


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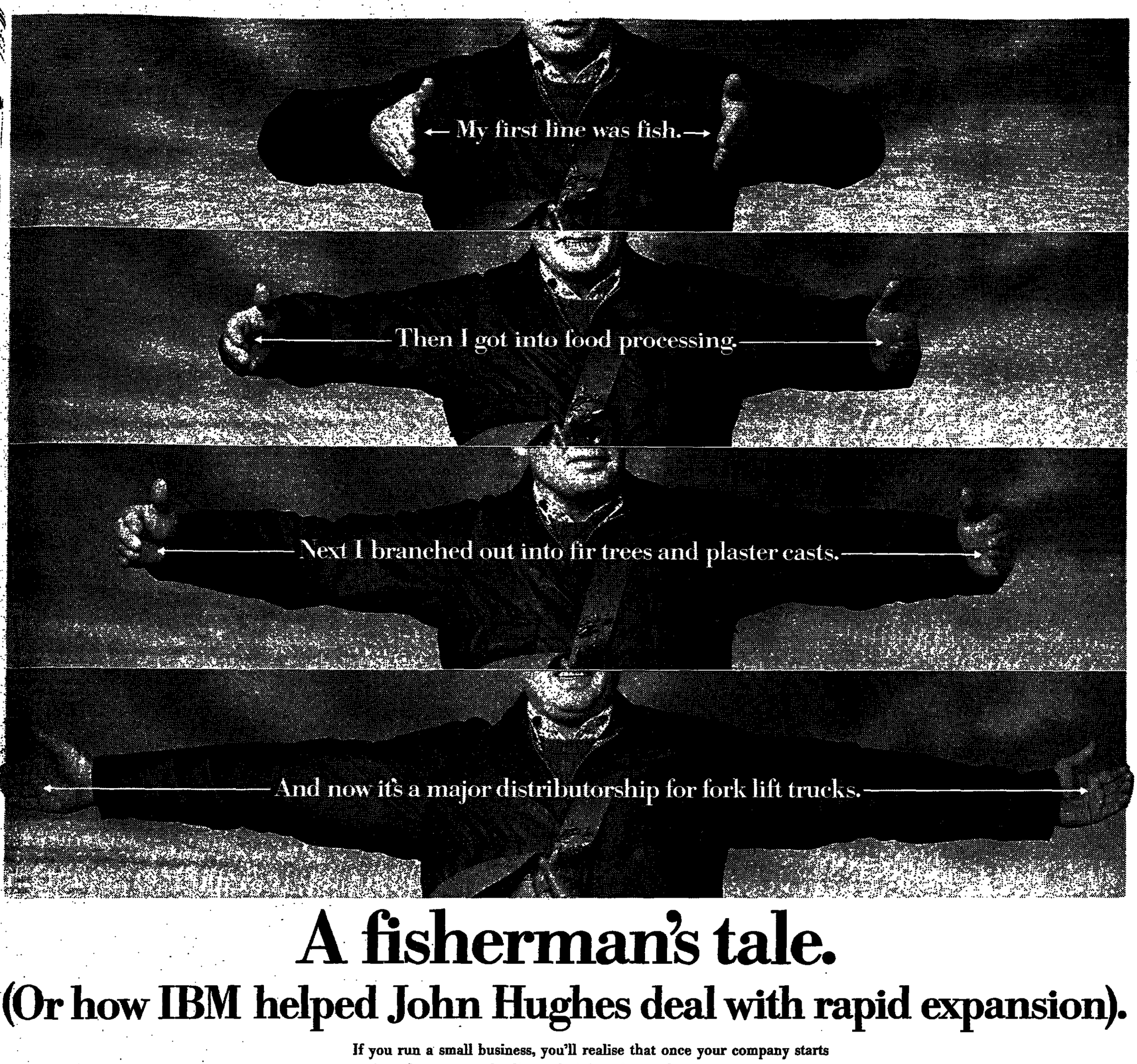


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## Party political

The rumblings at Labour Party HQ about impending redundancies — now estimated at between 20 and 30 — have resulted in a direct snub to Neil Kinnock. The invitations to the Christmas party, traditionally sent out by the social club at Walworth Road, always include the leader and the national executive committee. But this year Kinnock's invitation has been withdrawn because of the threatened staff cuts, and only those seven members of the 31-strong NEC who have consistently voted against financial restraint will be on the guest list. To add insult to injury the social club, which normally picks up the tab for Walworth Road leaving parties, has decided to bill the NEC. I don't know what they drink down there but I'm told they're likely to spend about £2,500.

## Aide-mémoire

Bob Geldof's manners don't improve with age. The Irish fund raiser was due to open an exhibition of Ethiopian handicrafts in London at 10.30 am yesterday. Glenys Kinnock and BBC newsreader Moira Stuart were among those who waited for one and three quarter hours, prancing before the photographers, until the designer-bearded roadshow, complete with wife Paula, daughter Fifi-Trixiebelle and dog Growler arrived in a gleaming Saab. Asked why he was late, Sir Bob said he had been in bed and had forgotten.

● **A written parliamentary question from Labour's Tony Banks to the Prime Minister sought to know how many questions she has refused to answer since 1979 "on the grounds of disproportionate cost". Her reply, published yesterday: "This information can only be supplied at disproportionate cost."**

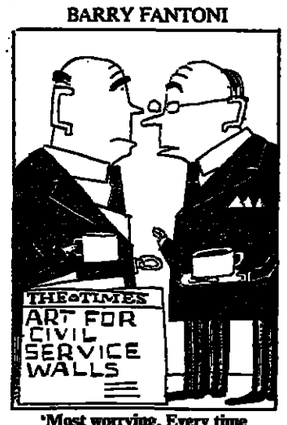
## Change of life

David Alton's abortion bill has been causing confusion among his party's youth wing. During the Harrogate assembly, Young Liberals launched the Life Chance Campaign against the poll tax and new social security laws. At the start of the autumn term, however, when they hoped to attract most people to their cause, the organizers found that many prospective adherents believed their efforts were linked with Alton's right-to-life supporters. Signatures are now flooding into the Youth Chance Campaign.

## Sweet talk

The Irish government's unhappiness at the British embassy's intense lobbying to ensure the success of an extradition treaty has been greeted with ribald laughter at Westminster. Before the Anglo-Irish agreement, the Irish government's lobbying of Tory MPs attained a hitherto unexperienced level of generosity. The joke at the time was that Irish embassy staff would have "They dined for their country" engraved on their headstones.

BARRY FANTONI




**'Most worrying. Every time I look at the clock, my eye wanders to the paintings'**

## Cash squeeze

The Balard-Créteil line of the Paris Metro gained a distinguished busker the other day: Antoine Waechter, the Greens' candidate for the 1988 presidential election. Angered by the "occult" ways by which the major parties keep themselves in campaign funds, he took his diatonic (eight-note scale) accordion underground for the day and collected a hatful of coins. He then went to the Elysée Palace and entrusted his takings to President Mitterrand for division among all the candidates, adding that his party now needed only another 5 million francs. The accordion's place in French politics is well established: former President Giscard d'Estaing was a keen performer on the chromatic (12-note) variety.

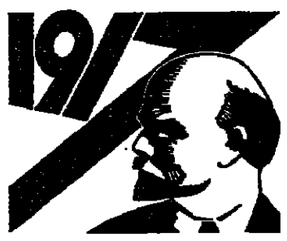
## It's a fact

Ten years after the first episode of *Fawlty Towers*, the building used for the series' opening shots is to become a hotel in real life. The owners of Wooburn Grange Country Club, now a nightclub and disco, have received planning permission to convert it into a 39-bedroom hotel. Though the building turns out to be in Buckinghamshire rather than Torquay, there should be enough John Cleese fans to keep it busy. Whether the staff will be able to survive the coming barrage of Sybil, Manuel and don't-mention-the-war jokes is another matter.

**PHS**

Concluding our October Revolution series, Conor Cruise O'Brien charts the change from Russian empire to united Soviet state

# A new shade of red across the map




**'Bloody tyrant though he was, Stalin achieved one of the greatest feats in history'**

Of all the empires that went to war in 1914, only one remains intact, territorially speaking. More precisely, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the successor state-system to the Russian Empire, has preserved almost its entire territorial heritage — and added to it — whereas the territories of the other empires have passed in various ways into the possession of a multiplicity of successor states.

Yet the Russian Empire, too, had disintegrated by the end of 1917. The extraordinary achievement of the Bolsheviks was to reassemble it, and in novel forms of their own devising. This was carried out in the name of a firm commitment to the principle of self-determination for the peoples formerly ruled by the Tsars, who were deemed to have left the Empire and later to have entered, of their own free will, into a new alliance or union of free peoples. This concept was partly a fiction, and it is tempting to posit an Orwellian equation: *Self-determination equals re-annexation.*

Yet it would be unwise just to leave it at that. The Bolsheviks did not have sufficient material power to be able simply to re-annexe the Russian Empire by force. They had to be able to offer something, and what they offered — and, with some exceptions, delivered — was respect and even encouragement for the language and culture, including the religion, of the minority people; together with an assurance, which was not entirely delusive, of equality of status within the new socialist system.

The offer was attractive by comparison with the crude old Tsarist practice, inspired by the notion: "One Tsar, one God, one People." It was even more attractive by comparison with the activities of the Bolsheviks' main competitors: the White generals who sought to reimpose the realities of the old Russian Empire with the aid of foreign powers and local potentates.

Bolshevik policy on nationalities was the creation of two men: Lenin and Stalin. That is to say, it consisted of the doctrine of Lenin, as reinterpreted by Stalin, with Lenin's acquiescence and encouragement.

Lenin's doctrine, shaped in exile before the Revolution, emphasized the right of secession of every subject nationality within the Russian Empire. This was asserted against the so-called "Polish heresy" — in reality, Polish-Jewish heresy — of Rosa Luxembourg and others which pushed opposition to bourgeois nationalism so far as to deny any right of secession: the territory of the Revolution would be the whole territory of the Empire.

But actually "the right of secession" defended by the Bolsheviks became significantly qualified, even before the Revolution. In 1913, Stalin published his first theoretical work, prepared with Lenin's encouragement: *Marxism and the National Question.* It reaffirmed the basic Leninist principle: "A nation . . . has the right to complete secession." But Stalin added a complex gloss: "The Transcaucasian Tartars as a nation may assemble, let us say, in their Diet and, succumbing to the influence of their beys and mullahs, decide to restore the old order of things and to secede from the state. According to the meaning of the clause on self-determination they are fully entitled to do so. But will this be in the interest of the toiling strata of the Tartar nation? Can Social-Democracy look on indifferently when the beys and mullahs assume the leadership of the masses in the solution of the national question? Should not Social-Democracy interfere in the matter and influence the will of the nation in a definite way? Should it not come forward with a definite plan for the solution of the question, a plan which would be most advantageous for the Tartar masses?"

Immediately after the victory of the Revolution in the capital, Petrograd, Stalin became Commissar of Nationalities, and set about applying his "definite plan", with the support of Lenin. Roughly, it worked like this:

Where, in any given national territory of the former Empire, there was no significant Bolshevik, or potentially pro-Bolshevik, faction, the right of secession applied in its normal acceptation; as in Finland. Where there was a significant pro-Bolshevik faction, the right of secession was qualified by the right of the pro-Bolsheviks to defeat the secessionists, and to overthrow, if they could, the secessionist state if one came into being (as in the Ukraine). Where necessary and expedient, the weight of the Red army could be thrown in on the side of the pro-Bolshevik faction, as in Georgia.

It was through the adroit application of Stalin's "definite plan" that the Soviet Union came to embrace almost all the peoples and territories of the former Empire of the Tsar.

Stalin's achievement was to allow for the overt revival of Great Russian patriotism, but in forms compatible with the national self-respect of the minority populations of the former Russian Empire. Psychologically, this would not have been possible without a revolution. This made it possible for the former subjects of the Empire to distribute their positive and negative feelings towards Russia in a new and more acceptable way. The young, among the non-Russian peoples, were enabled to feel that their people — without abjuring their own language or traditions — had played a part in the creation of the Soviet Union, could take a legitimate pride in its achievement, and feel that they too had earnt a share in its power and glory.



And in Soviet Asia and in the Asian borderlands, people were also aware that they owed much specifically to Great Russia, in terms of material benefits: electrification, communications, housing, public health, education.

Of course it wasn't all sweetness and light. Stalin, as well as being a political genius, was a bloody tyrant. The purges of the 1930s took an even heavier toll among the "nationalities", proportionately, than among the Great Russians. In the 1940s, whole peoples were purged by deportation. Yet as a whole the system demonstrably worked, to the extent that the peoples of the Soviet Union held together, almost all of them, under the tremendous shock of Hitler's invasion, and defeated it. "The Great Patriotic War" was not an empty phrase, nor was the patriotism confined to the Great Russians.

The positive achievement was confined to the territory of the old Russian Empire. The later expansion of Soviet power in Eastern Europe was imposed, and is maintained, by naked force, in violation not only of Lenin's original principles but of Stalin's original interpretation of them. Nor do the spasmodic Soviet efforts to apply something resembling the "definite plan" in overseas countries — or even in Afghanistan — show much promise of solidity, or any promise of achieving anything like the positive results that were achieved within the boundaries of the old Russian Empire.

Yet the spurious and shaky character of Soviet ventures in exporting revolution should not deflect attention from the solidity of the Soviet *political* achievement within the old frontiers. That this achievement should have been underestimated up to 1943 is not surprising. At that time, it was a common assumption in "informed circles" in the West that the Soviet Union was about to break up. What is perhaps surprising is that this belief should still be around. That the polity which survived invasion by the Wehrmacht can be brought to dissolution by such gimmicks as "smuggling copies of the Koran into Central Asia" is an article of faith among large numbers of American conservatives. And a widespread belief, in one superpower, that the other superpower may be on the brink of disintegration, is hardly conducive to a sensible conduct of relations between the two. It would be better that each superpower should begin by frankly acknowledging the solid stability of the other.

Unedifying though Stalin's character and methods were, his nationality policy, and eventual creation of a syncretic — combined with a traditional — nationalism in the Soviet Union, constitute one of the great innovative achievements of human ingenuity at work in history. And the rest of the world owes a great debt to that achievement, without which Hitler would have won the war.

## John Rae

# Aptitudes for Oxbridge

One yardstick for measuring the success of the Tories' educational revolution will be how soon it increases the number of state school pupils winning places at Oxford and Cambridge. At present, entry to the country's two most prestigious universities is dominated by pupils from independent schools whose share of the places available is out of all proportion to their numbers.

The independent schools and the two universities would reject the word "dominated", pointing out that at Oxford candidates from independent schools win less than half the places. But that defence is misleading. Applicants for university come from sixth formers, of whom independent schools have 25 per cent. Yet the latest figures show that at Oxford 46.1 per cent and at Cambridge 49 per cent of those accepted come from independent schools. The figure for state schools is 45.6 per cent at Oxford and 35 per cent at Cambridge. The remaining places are taken by "others from overseas".

If a quarter of the potential candidates win such a number of places, I do not think it inaccurate to say they dominate the entry. How do they do it? There are three possible reasons. They may be cleverer; they may have the advantage of better teaching and preparation, or the universities may be biased in their favour.

The only explanation that carries conviction is that pupils in independent schools enjoy an advantage in teaching and preparation, including encouragement to apply, since there are still teachers in state schools who regard it as elitist even to think in terms of Oxford and Cambridge. The imbalance in the entry is not the fault of the universities but that of a state school system that does not let its more able pupils compete on equal terms.

The imbalance matters because graduates from Oxford and Cambridge have a flying start in so many careers. When the leading banks, management consultancy, advertising, law and accountancy firms go recruiting, their so-called milk round takes them first to Oxford and Cambridge, which are assumed to have the cream of the talent. (Some may also go to London, Bristol and Durham). If you measure talent by A level scores, that assumption is correct. At Cambridge 55 per cent of the intake have three A grades at A level; at British universities as a whole the average figure is only 13 per cent.

But it is precisely on this question of A level scores that doubts begin to arise. I see nothing wrong with the idea of two elitist universities that concentrate the talent of each generation; the doubt is whether it is the cream of the talent that Oxford and Cambridge are selecting. If the state schools do not provide the best teaching, many of their pupils will perform below their capacity at A level. They may be very talented, but it is difficult for admissions tutors to spot the fact. So the tutors fill the places with pupils from independent schools, whose claims on paper cannot be denied.

The two universities will argue that they have already taken steps to overcome this problem by reforming their entrance procedures. Oxford's new procedure has been in operation for two years but it has made no impression on the proportion coming from state schools. The average for 1968-1985 was 45.3 per cent; the figure for 1987 is 45.6 per cent. Oxford argues that this represents an increase because state-school sixth forms, unlike those in independent schools, are feeling the effect of the falling birth rate. The new procedure at Cambridge started with this year's intake and the statistics will not be available until next month. But the procedure puts an emphasis on high A level grades and will exacerbate the difficulty of spotting talented candidates from bad state-schools.

The political left has a simple solution to this problem: the universities should be forced to introduce a quota system that would guarantee the state schools their "fair share" of the entry. This misses the point. Pupils in state schools do not want to be patronized, but to be well taught and judged on their merits. I hope that is what they will get from the city technology colleges and what Mrs Thatcher calls the "independent state schools". But it may be 10 years before the impact of Tory reforms is felt in the entry to Oxford and Cambridge.

I do not think state school pupils should have to wait that long. A possible interim solution has been put forward by Anne Sofer, who chairs the SDP education and training policy group. She suggests converting the assisted places scheme into a sixth form scholarship scheme that would enable pupils from state schools to use the best independent schools as a springboard to Oxford and Cambridge. I like the idea but it can never happen on a big scale. The only independent schools' sixth forms in which it is worth the state buying places are the ones that have the least capacity to expand.

A more effective solution that could be applied immediately would be for Oxford and Cambridge to introduce an academic aptitude test. A candidate from a bad state school with a high score on the aptitude test but only modest A level grades would be given a place in preference to a candidate from an independent school with better A level grades but a low score on the test.

It is not a perfect solution, but it would help. The independent school pupil working for A levels in an academic atmosphere, with like-minded peers and expert teaching, has a tremendous advantage over the pupil in the inner-city comprehensive with only a handful of A level candidates, an atmosphere hostile to academic achievement, and teachers on whose competence and attendance he cannot rely.

I am sure the dons at Oxford know how great this advantage is. But their reforms seem to concentrate on trying to increase the number of applicants from state schools. I would like to see them go a step further and use an academic aptitude test to select the real talent, not just the candidates who have had the good fortune to have been well taught.

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# Who moves in as Young bows out?

When Tory MPs tomorrow morning open their Whips — an envelope which bears the highest priority known to the Royal Mail — they will find a "Sit Vac" for the chairmanship of our great party. "Owing to unforeseen circumstances, Lord Young has decided that enough is enough . . ." The salary is nil and the prospects uncertain, but what are the qualities needed? And, even more to the point, what were the unforeseen circumstances?

Conservative Central Office is housed in a shabby building in Smith Square, round the corner from the Palace of Westminster. To the less reverent it is known as the Grace Brothers Stores. Others liken it to Smiley's Circus, the dilapidated building with creaking lifts which John Le Carré placed near Cambridge Circus. It is home to 150 souls with names like Nigel and Fiona. The even tenor of its corporate life can be disturbed in one of two ways: an election, and the appointment of a new chairman. Until yesterday's announcement Lord Young was confidently expected. What went wrong?

By Wednesday of this week, Young had been forced to recognize that he could not ride two horses at the same time. A combination of Lord Whitelaw (who, in 1985, put a stop to Mrs Thatcher's plan to send Jeffrey Archer to the Lords as Minister for Sport), John Wakeham and David Waddington, the Chief Whip, moved to thwart his ambition. Long regarded as the Prime Minister's Man for All Seasons, David Young is viewed with some suspicion by those who feel that there is perhaps more to the Tory party than the tramp of Mrs Thatcher's New Model Army.

The fears of the "three Ws" obliged Mrs Thatcher to make it clear to Lord Young that he could become chairman only if he allowed Kenneth Clarke to play a more prominent role at the Department of Trade and Industry. Having seen the opposition to his appointment grow, an opposition greatly encouraged by Norman Tebbit, the present chairman, Young called it a day.



**Three in the running (from left): Younger, Patten, Major**

Will his retreat matter? There are those who claim that the Thatcher-Young axis serves to underpin the Prime Minister's oft proclaimed radicalism. Her writ does not run in the House of Lords. Were it not to run at Central Office as well what would that do for the counter-revolution? From this standpoint at least, Mrs Thatcher has suffered a defeat. Others, more loyal, and less interested in taking the party's temperature, will say that, with four and a half years to the next election, it does not much matter who controls Central Office in the interim.

But Mrs Thatcher is faced with the practical problem of finding an alternative to Young, and doing so quickly. Will he be a Cabinet minister, or another John Gummer, an aspiring Conservative against whom nothing is known? The older hands at Central Office fancy someone cast in the mould of Lords Carrington and Thorneycroft. They had little time for Tebbit, who never moved much beyond the first floor and was prone to tantrums. The more recently recruited, who might have welcomed Lord Young, favour the appointment of a talented middleweight such as Chris Patten or John Major.

The smart money is on George Younger, the Defence Secretary. A Scot without enemies, and fluent on the box, he is just the sort of good man needed to come to the aid of the party. Did he not do as much in January 1986 when Michael Heseltine flounced out of the Cabinet over Westland?

Were Younger to say yes, would he soldier on at the Ministry of Defence? He is responsible for the placing of defence contracts, and it is at least arguable that a conflict of interest *à la* Young could arise. But defence being relatively quiet at the moment, "peace" having broken out and CND for all purposes being disbanded, he could wear two hats.

Ideally, the new chairman should be buttressed by a general manager brought in from a company such as Marks & Spencer. Central Office needs to be brought into the age of the word processor and the blinking screen. Rival satrapies such as the press department and the campaign and training department could be slimmed down and reorganized, while the research department, which in the old days lived a life of detached splendour elsewhere, might well be augmented to play a more propagandist role. And Central Office should move to new and more desirable premises.

In the past, Central Office has generally been run by middleweights when it did not much matter, and by heavyweights when it did. Chris Patten, who was invited this year to write the Prime Minister's Blackpool conference speech, has earned golden opinions as Minister of Overseas Development. The fact that he is the cleverest of the party's youngest "wets" might possibly be no longer held against him.

The need for reform and reorganization, to say nothing of the prospect of political rough water over the poll tax and much else besides, will work against the chances of other middleweights such as John MacGregor, John Major or John Patten. The new party chairman seems likely to be a Cabinet minister.

Wags point to a resurrection of Jeffrey Archer. Some Central Office staff fear they might be punished by being sent John Stanley. All would welcome the arrival of George.

**Julian Critchley**

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## *however* . . . Henry Stanhope

# Retiring from the blue touchpaper

Flashes lit up the western sky and the acrid smell of gunpowder drifted over the autumn landscape as men with drawn faces hurried past and animals raced for cover from the echoing explosions all around. Yes, November the Fifth has fallen a little early this year.

Our nation has been divided by a number of things and people in its time, from Geoffrey Boycott to the M1. But few have done so quite as effectively as Guy Fawkes — more than 350 years after he was pretty well divided himself at the hands of the public executioner. To that extent at least, his dastardly plot was successful.

On one side are those who argue that this annual celebration of Parliament's survival in 1605 is part of our national heritage and pride. On the other are those who point out that to let loose the average peace-loving, pipe-smoking, rose-pruning, TV-watching, cat-on-his-knee, slippers-on-the-hearth Englishmen with a box of packaged gunpowder in his garden is like inviting Napoleon to open the Channel tunnel. In short you are looking for trouble — and not infrequently get it.

All I know is that Guy Fawkes night ain't what it used to be. All right, Christmas isn't either, since one stopped believing in Santa Claus — or Easter, after one's great-aunts ceased sending one eggs. Plum puddings never look quite as round as they did in *Dandy* — or snowmen as solid and unmelting. And the comics, come the Fifth, were full of exploding stars and blazing bonfires on coal-black nights when it never rained. But the diminishing joy of fireworks night has little to do with growing old and grey. Like "no smoking" it has to do with public pressure.

The emphasis now is on going to fireworks displays — much safer, so they say, and less expensive. And of course there can be no doubt that they are right. But then watching other people set them off can be so *boring*. My son's school used to hold them — and, for all I know, still does — parents in duffle-coats and scarves, shouting "Ooooh!" and "Aaaah!" and "Goodness me" as the rockets whooshed skywards to burst in a thousand stars over west London. Very fine they all were, with hot soup and sausages afterwards, cooked by mothers.

But if there was one thing that would ever have induced me to be active in the wretched PTA, it was the chance of lighting the blue touchpaper myself. No Catherine Wheel spins half as well, no Roman Candle bursts, no Vesuvius erupts with such awesome glow, as the one I have picked from that beguiling box and lit with frozen fingers in the dark.

I have been to a great many displays in my time. I have seen battleships, aeroplanes and fully rigged yachts etched in fire in one part of the world or another. But I have always been disappointed afterwards — especially by those which have musical accompaniment. A display backed by Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks always sounds like a memorable event. But the music never seems to be quite right or, however hard they try, the synchronization rarely works.

The annual incineration of Guy Fawkes, when you stop to think of it, is hardly among our most elevating customs. Nor is it wholly appropriate. The Catholic plot to blow up James I and his Parliament was discovered on November 5, but Fawkes, who had been planning it since the previous December, was not executed until January 31, 1606. He was incidentally, only 35 at the time.

"Please to remember the Fifth of November/ Gunpowder, treason and plot./ I see no reason why gunpowder treason/ Should ever be forgot." Well, after all this time I can think of quite a few good reasons, but I'm not sure I would argue them all that strongly.

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# THE BILL FOR MR BAKER

By excluding Latin from the proposed national curriculum, Sir Ernst Gombrich wrote recently, we risk cutting loose our civilization from its moorings. He, and other campaigners for classical studies, have been since accused of exaggeration, special pleading, elitism, even of taking a perverse delight in inflicting upon a new generation the pain of learning which they had to endure themselves.

It needs to be made clearer exactly what is at stake. Latin has been studied for different reasons at different times since the fourteenth century: first for the practical lessons in science and medicine which the ancient manuscripts contained; then for its Christian learning; for its value to historians, to art critics, to nationalists, Marxists, anthropologists and architects.

Enthusiasm for Latin has fluctuated over those years — often suffering from the fatal combination of dry scholasticism and utilitarian neglect. But it has never been more in danger in Britain than it is today. We risk depriving future generations of the opportunity to place their own feet — for whatever purpose or pattern — on the floor of their own civilization. It is that risk which makes the threat to Latin of a different kind to the threat to other so-called minority subjects.

Classics is already in clear decline. One link with the ancient world is all but severed. Hardly more than 1,000 pupils took Greek at O-level this year. Over the past 20 years, the numbers sitting Latin have fallen steadily from more than 50,000 to around 20,000.

Those who are now protesting most loudly have to take some of the responsibility for that — also some of the initiative to make the subject more attractive to its customers. The problem can only be worsened, however, by a national curriculum that allocates at least 80 per cent of the timetable in state schools to ten compulsory subjects and leaves Latin to struggle for air in a jungle of less regarded alternatives.

No one is arguing for the return of compulsory Latin. No one is insisting that generations of children should again be condemned to spend interminable years toiling over dog-eared primers in the name of academic rigour and moral uplift. Nor is anyone proposing the re-creation of a classically educated imperial elite.

All that is required is the curricular protection which will enable any secondary school that so chooses to offer Latin to pupils whose interest in the subject has been, or is capable of being, aroused. That is not the protection Mr Kenneth Baker is offering. In fact, he is not offering any protection at all.

It is not enough for him to assert airily that the equivalent of a day a week will be available for those subjects not thought important enough to be included in the compulsory part of the curriculum. In the first place, it is doubtful whether a day is sufficient for what are now deemed optional extras. In the second place the very definition is likely to be the kiss of death: prescribing what should be taught is tantamount to prescribing what should not be taught. Latin will be in the same no-man's land as home economics, careers guidance, health education and road safety.

An adjournment debate to be initiated next Monday evening by Mr Michael Fallon, with the support of the former minister for higher education, Mr George Walden, will give Mr Baker an opportunity to apply his mind to these matters. It will also propose an attractive alternative. Mr Fallon wants to confine the ten compulsory subjects to 70 per cent of the timetable and limit what is to be studied in the other 30 per cent to an approved list of alternatives, one of which, of course, would be Latin.

That would secure the double objective of safeguarding desirable options while at the same time excluding such academic irrelevancies as gay rights and peace studies. It would also meet the objections of those who believe that the national curriculum is beginning to look more like a straitjacket than a framework. It would not keep the clutter that so urgently needs to be swept away.

Children do need to leave school more broadly literate and numerate than, on average, they are now. No one seriously questions that the compulsory subjects should be mathematics, English, science, a modern foreign language (although whether all children will benefit from studying one to the age of 16 is extremely doubtful), technology, history, geography, art, music and physical education. The issue is the credibility of an educational foundation if all its links to the world from which our learning began are to be destroyed.

# MURDER IN MANILA

The murder of Americans in the Philippines was intended as a threat, an attempt to stem the flow of military aid from Washington. So it is claimed by those responsible anyway. The effect may, however, turn out to be very different. The long-term beneficiary could be Manila's embattled president Mrs Cory Aquino.

Even her critics must feel some sympathy for Mrs Aquino. The sight of a moderate in the middle, struggling to hold the centre against extremists from both wings, is hardly new. But it has seldom been as evident as this.

On the left she is fighting communist and Moslem rebels. On the right she has to protect her back from her own military — some of whom tried to overthrow her fragile government only two months ago. Meanwhile, in the middle, she has an electorate who rejoiced in her accession to power last year but now await impatiently the social and economic reforms which she promised them.

The most urgent of these concerns the redistribution of land. This was once the firmest plank in her political platform, but is now the most treacherous one for her to tread. As a large landowner herself, she has always been vulnerable to public criticism. Her failure to put promises into practice by breaking up the big estates, reflects political weakness not personal interest. But that fact may not help her.

Three months ago she demanded land legislation from a newly elected Congress. But the 90 days are up, with no results. On the one hand the landowners threaten her government if she does proceed. On the other, the unions threaten it if she fails to.

As the most immediate threat so far has come from the army, the landowners' ally, Mrs Aquino has chosen the path of least resistance and done nothing. Yet unless she tackles the problem of rural poverty, she will not halt the flow of disgruntled peasants to the ranks of the communist rebels in the hills.

Mrs Aquino is not finished yet. In a plebiscite early this year she won overwhelming support for her constitution and in the May congressional elections she saw her candidates successfully returned to power. To the ordinary Filipino, she still represents an honest, well-meaning leader.

Her enemies have not been provoked by anything she has done. They have rather been upset by her failure to do anything at all. Given the enormity of her problems, she has walked her political tightrope with some skill. But at some point she will have to be more positive if she is to do any more than survive. Unless she seeks a firmer position of power, she will simply topple over — unsupported.

Overseas, she has plenty of sympathy. The West, and the United States particularly, has a profound interest in seeing the Philippines stay stable and democratic — and the threat of Communist take-over finally squashed.

Until now the Americans on the Philippines have steered well clear of the country's political problems, preferring to concentrate on running their vital naval and air bases. But if the Communists are now to attack US targets too, President Reagan may have to adopt a higher profile.

The White House will have to step up military and economic aid to President Aquino to help her fight against the Communists. At the same time it must encourage her to begin without delay the programme of reforms which she has promised. If the Americans can put more muscle into the Philippines' armed forces, they can help not only to contain the insurgents but to detach the military from their traditional right-wing landowning classes and thus encourage the progress of reform.

All this is much more easily said than done. But President Aquino has no real alternative if she is to consolidate her position and preside over a strong and healthy country. At least the latest wave of attacks against Americans might remind all those concerned of what is at stake and what needs to be done.

# DANGER, ROAD SIGNS AHEAD

The number of motorway crashes associated with road repair works has reached the point where serious public concern is justified. Wednesday's horrific pile-up on the M61, in which 12 people died in appalling circumstances, should trigger an urgent review of every aspect of road safety connected with temporary alterations to the traffic flow.

The fact that each accident is in certain respects unique, and that the diversions and lane-sharings arising from motorway maintenance are temporary, seems to have lulled the authorities into a state of dangerous complacency. But the British motorway system has now come of age, and extensive programmes of repair are going to be a permanent feature of the system.

The Government, the police, and the authorities responsible for motorway works must look again at these hazards. What might have been sufficient when contra-flow systems were rare is not good enough now that they are almost more the rule than the exception.

Many such accidents are associated with excessive speed, no doubt below the maximum of 70 mph allowed by law on motorways but well above the maximum allowed by safety. Yet it is has become customary to rely on temporary speed limits which are advisory only, not legally enforceable, and which often look as if their status is only semi-official. There have been trials in a few places with proper statutory limits, displayed in the familiar way by legal speed limit signs; but the official mechanism for establishing them is designed for more permanent speed limits and is too inflexible to cope with the changing needs of motorway repair crews.

The law could be amended to allow a temporary but legally enforceable limit to be created on the authority of the local chief officer of police, for instance, subject to review every few weeks and to the need for proper confirmation if it is required beyond a certain period. Visible radar enforcement of the limit would then be possible since the more common speed checks used on the open road by mobile patrols would not be practical on a contra-flow system.

Particular attention should be given to the status of "matrix" speed signs, described officially only as "warnings", whereby a temporary limit is indicated by a changeable electric light display, either overhead or at the road-side. It makes no sense that they should be advisory not compulsory, except as an excuse for carelessness in how this facility is used. Motorists also have a right to expect that they will be set with more precision. The all too familiar sight of a temporary speed limit indicating 20 mph when the road is clear and dry in all directions for miles ahead can only undermine their authority and effectiveness.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Resistance to poll tax plans

*From the Chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities*

Sir, Like David Walker (report, October 27) we have been monitoring the effect of the threat of poll tax on this year's electoral registration process. The evidence is less clear-cut than David Walker's article suggests.

A number of our member authorities have reported a lower response rate to postal canvasses — including Islington, who tell us they have had a "poor" response, yet Walker quotes them as showing "no evidence of a drop". Furthermore, authorities all over the country report the removal of children rising 18 or over 18 from the register.

The response rate will be improved as personal canvasses get under way. And I am sure we will find many of the "missing" 18-year-olds as part of the same process.

I have no doubts that the job of getting a comprehensive electoral register will get more difficult as public awareness of poll tax increases. Already, many of our authorities are reporting resistance to registration on the doorstep from people who have already made that association. One inner city has reported that, because of threats associated with liability for poll tax, canvassers are now fearing for their safety and will not be undertaking electoral registration work in future.

It should also be remembered that there is to be a national census in 1991, which will be the second year of poll tax in England and Wales and the third year in Scotland. People, however erroneously, are going to associate the census with poll tax and a valuable source of national data will be less robust as a result of non-compliance with the census.

Yours faithfully,
JACK LAYDEN, Chairman,
Association of Metropolitan Authorities,
35 Great Smith Street,
Westminster, SW1.
October 27.

*From Sir Barney Hayhoe, MP for Brentford and Isleworth (Conservative)*

Sir, No doubt those Government ministers who enthusiastically support the proposed community charge are well pleased with the concentration of current debate upon the subsidiary issue of whether or not its introduction should be phased rather than upon the central and crucial issue of the intrinsic unfairness of a regressive poll tax.

But this central issue remains and ministers ought to be much more concerned about the powerful arguments deployed against their present plans by such a wide-ranging combination of authoritative and representative organisations and, if the polls are to be believed, a significant majority of the people.

Our manifesto promised to replace rates with a fairer community charge and radical amendment of the present plans is essential to meet this commitment.

Yours etc,
BARNEY HAYHOE,
House of Commons.
October 27.

## Multi-vehicle crash on the M61

*From the Chairman of the British School of Motoring Limited*

Sir, The tragic multiple vehicle accident that caused the death of 12 people on the M61 yesterday inevitably focuses people's concern as to what can be done to reduce such accidents. The Department of Transport's recent review of road safety policy shows clearly that reduction of accidents can be brought about both by engineering and educational measures.

For an accident such as this one, which is the product of multiple rear-end collision, an engineering measure developed in the USA and adopted by Volvo in the UK, and now by BSM on all its tuition cars, is to provide an additional brake light in the rear windscreen. I can speak from personal experience of driving in the USA on their motorways that such additional brake lights enable a driver often to see as far as eight or nine vehicles ahead when braking commences.

In the UK it is usually only possible to see the vehicle immediately in front. Whilst BSM has reduced its rear-end collision rate by a little over 25 per cent the initial experiment carried out in Washington on 200 taxis showed a reduction in the rear-end collision rate of over 50 per cent and it was this controlled test which caused the US Government to change the regulations so that all new cars must be fitted with this additional brake light. That is a measure which we have already brought to the attention of the Department of Transport and they are considering it.

There is also an educational measure. The Department of Transport has prohibited drivers holding a provisional licence from driving on motorways even if accompanied by a qualified driving instructor. This area of driving is excluded completely from the driving test. The Department of Transport maintains that not everybody lives within reasonable access of a motorway and that is why they make this exclusion.

In consequence all who pass the driving test make their first venture on to a motorway, which can be a very alarming experience, unaccompanied by any professional teacher, yet there are many aspects of motorway driving which cannot be taught on ordinary roads.

Our own recommendation is that newly-qualified drivers should be restricted from driving on motorways for between three and six months and then should be obliged to take three hours' professional tuition from one of the 30,000 qualified instructors in the UK, without the need to pass any further test.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY JACOBS, Chairman,
The British School of Motoring, Limited,
81/87 Hartfield Road, SW19.
October 29.

## Stock market slide

*From Lord Elphinstone and Mr C. J. A. North*

Sir, In the aftermath of the recent stock market slide there has been much trumpeting throughout the media concerning the effects of computer selling. Surely the computer is only doing what any competent trader would do in the event of a fall in order to protect his position.

The trading sessions on Friday and Monday in the USA produced a total drop of 26 per cent. Little attention has been drawn to one facet of the decline in share prices on Wall Street in late 1929. During the worst two days' trading in October of that year, the market at one stage was down 29 per cent.

Were computers responsible for that?

We remain, Sir, yours faithfully,
ELPHINSTONE,
C. J. A. NORTH,
House of Cardean,
Meigle, Blairgowrie, Perthshire.
October 22.

## Eritrean convoy

*From Mr Zemede Tecle*

Sir, Your report, "Guerrillas destroy Band Aid convoy" (October 26), states that 34 lorries laden with supplies were destroyed by the Eritrean People's Liberation Front, but did not make clear that the incident occurred as the result of cross-fire.

The whole of Eritrea is a war zone. In a state of war such incidents are bound to happen unless an orderly truce is observed.

The EPLF, in a statement (October 29, 1984) expressed its readiness to observe a ceasefire so that relief agencies can distribute food safely, provided that the Ethiopian Government agrees to do the same. This offer, which is still valid, has never been heeded by the Ethiopian Government.

The international community, while expressing their concern about the need to get food to the population, have not exerted sufficient pressure to get the Ethiopian Government to agree to this.

We appreciate the concern of the humanitarian agencies over the impending famine in Eritrea and Ethiopia. However, those who wish to operate in Eritrea should approach and inform the EPLF beforehand. Indeed some agencies have been operating in Eritrea with the consent of the EPLF by constantly informing it of their operations and movements within Eritrea.

Sincerely yours,
ZEMEDE TECLE (EPLF Representative for the UK).
391 City Road, EC1.
October 26.

## A face too few

*From Mr Roger Mitchell*

Sir, There is at least one notable absentee among the ghosts overlooking the Chamber of the House of Commons in Miss Mendoza's painting (photograph, October 27). Surely a place should have been found for Sir Robert Walpole, widely accepted as Britain's first prime minister and a great House of Commons man.

Perhaps the remark that he is alleged to have made when looking down on the 18th-century House of Commons from a similar position is still a little too near the bone — "Every man there has his price."

Yours faithfully,
ROGER MITCHELL,
140 Bold Lane,
Aughton, Ormskirk, Lancashire.
October 27.

## Military precision

*From Mr J. R. Humphries*

Sir, Clive Pratley's letter (October 26) about the Deputy Surgeon General (Operations) reminded me of the time I rescued from a library waste-paper basket *The Civil Service Yearbook* for 1980 and its fellow for 1981. In the 1980 copy I found the following entries:

Cabinet Office: Assistant Director, Social and Regional Statistics — Mr Forecast.
Ministry of Defence: Director of Army Management Services — Brigadier Attack.
Queen's Household: Assistant Keeper of the Privy Purse — Major Blewitt.
Queen's Household: Clerk of the Closet — Vacant.

In the copy for 1981, I learned that the post of Clerk of the Closet was no longer vacant, but had been filled, appropriately, by the Bishop of Bath.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY HUMPHRIES,
36 Penmanor,
Finstall,
Bromsgrove, West Midlands.
October 26.

## Church's duty to give moral lead

*From the Reverend F.A. Mooney*

Sir, When, as reported in today's *Times* (October 27), politicians urge that the Church should give more leadership in personal morality, charity demands that we assume that they are concerned because their own sins are not being rebuked, their own need for moral guidance is being neglected.

Unfortunately, it can all too easily appear that it is the sins of others which are their primary concern, "motes" rather than "beams"; that they are pressing for the Church to denounce as sins what are in part social evils to which self-seeking legislation has notably contributed.

Yours faithfully,
F.A. MOONEY,
Christian Education Centre,
152 Brownlow Hill,
Liverpool, Merseyside.
October 27.

*From the General Secretary of the Professional Association of Teachers*

Sir, As you say, the general burden of the Prime Minister's charge that the Church has failed to provide adequate moral leadership in matters of personal conduct is justified. Was it a coincidence that your first leader (October 27) on that subject was printed beside a letter from a parish priest deploring Church resistance to schools being allowed to opt out of local education authority control?

What grant-maintained schools will do is offer parents a greater degree of choice in the education of their children than is currently available. Wherever choice is extended, so is personal responsibility. The Church should be encouraging that, not resisting it.

In the education of children, we gradually allow them an increasing range of alternatives between which to make decisions for themselves. By slowly releasing them from the constraints of restricted choice, we train them to exercise personal responsibility in all areas of their conduct.

It is one of the great paradoxes of human affairs that what we see as necessary for children is quite often ignored when we have regard to adult behaviour. Nothing is more necessary to the moral welfare of our nation at this time than that its adult members be encouraged in as many ways as possible to accept personal responsibility for their lives, and those of their families.

Government proposals for the reform of education are to be welcomed to the extent that they promote greater choice and thereby greater personal responsibility.

Yours faithfully,
PETER DAWSON,
General Secretary,
Professional Association of Teachers,
99 Friar Gate, Derby.

*From the Reverend H. J. Figg Edgington*

Sir, This aged Anglican priest has read with interest your leader, "Mrs Thatcher's Church" (October 27), in which you ask, "Should she have said it?" Of course she should!

It is true that the Ten Commandments are no longer preached nor learned, but they were written a very long time ago in a very different world. The Church of England recognised that over 300 years ago when it produced the Church Catechism but, alas, that Church has thrown away the Catechism with the Book of Common Prayer and we are left with Charles Kingsley's *The Water Babies* and Mrs Doasyouwouldbedoneby to instruct the young. Or is that book discarded, too?

The Church, bishops, clergy or laity, must teach the basic duty of "loving your neighbour as yourself" and pushing back more interesting topics. We all have to face the hard fact that each time we exercise our right to say "I want" we risk hurting someone else and so *not* loving our neighbour, known or unknown. It is as simple as that.

I am, Sir, yours truly,
H. J. FIGG EDGINGTON,
103 Milford Avenue,
Stony Stratford,
Milton Keynes,
Buckinghamshire.
October 27.

## Safety at sea

*From Mr John A. Douglas*

Sir, Colin Allen (October 15) drew attention to matters which should have been investigated in more detail at the formal public inquiry into the Herald of Free Enterprise disaster, namely the Whitehall procedures for the enforcement of marine safety.

Marine safety is currently the responsibility of the Department of Transport, which means that there are no independent checks and balances on the in-house administrative procedures for day-to-day marine safety and the ordering of formal public inquiries.

In contrast, air safety procedures are covered by the independent Civil Aviation Authority with a Department of Transport watchdog in the form of the Air Accidents Investigation Branch.

My own experience of marine disasters and subsequent public inquiries (which included, for example, the Penlee lifeboat and Union Star inquiries) led to the conclusion that the public interest is not served by the cosy in-house administrative methods whereby all decisions other than the Wreck Commissioners' legal findings are recorded in the files of a single Whitehall department.

The elements of the Department of Transport concerned with safety at sea should be made independent, on the lines of the Civil Aviation Authority.

Secondly, a marine inspectorate of accidents should be created; again, on the lines of the excellent Air Accidents Investigation Branch, operating independently of the marine safety authority.

Finally, the responsibility for a public inquiry should be under either the Lord Chancellor or the Attorney General.

Public concern about what lay behind the serious failures revealed in the inquiry and inquest into the Herald of Free Enterprise will continue unabated until drastic steps are taken to remedy the current weaknesses in marine safety procedures.

Yours etc,
JOHN A. DOUGLAS
(former Chief Inspector,
HM Coastguard),
26 The Mount,
Teignmouth, Devon.
October 28.

## Shuffling papers

*From Mr John Cummings*

Sir, The method adopted by Mr Ditton (October 27) for keeping his copy of *The Times intacta*, albeit not quite *virgo*, has the precedent of the captain of an international Rugby team who instructed his men to retaliate in advance. Unfortunately, there is the danger of his conflict escalating to the point of total annihilation, both of the said newspaper and of marital harmony.

Surely, he must get there first; whether his *Times* is in an immaculate state or not then depends only upon the newspaper delivery boy.

Yours,
JOHN CUMMINGS,
Harley Thorn,
Higher Broadoak Road,
West Hill,
Ottery St Mary, Devon.
October 27.

## ON THIS DAY

OCTOBER 30 1928

*The account below describes a luxurious form of the charabanc, a commoner method of conveyance*

### MOTOR PULLMAN SALOONS.

### TOURIST TRAVEL BY ROAD.

Five years ago two elderly ladies, held up for a week in Cannes because they could not get a seat in the Blue Train, were heard to express a wish that they could travel back to England by road. Their conversation led to the inception of Motorways, a British organization whose motor Pullman saloons are now familiar in Great Britain, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, and North Africa, and will be seen during the coming winter in East and Central Africa associated with a big game shooting expedition. The cars, most of which are constructed to carry 15 tourists, are distinctively built and equipped. Each person has his own armchair fitted with a pneumatic cushion and facing a glass-covered table, and at the back of the car is a small but well-appointed buffet, and toilet accommodation.

The luggage difficulty is removed by the provision of special suitcases or trunks which are stowed in lockers below the car body. In this way the cases are protected from dust and rain, and the even distribution of the baggage supplies balance, which, with the use of large pneumatic tires, ensures smooth and pleasant running. The chief regular Motorways service is that running twice weekly in each direction between London and Nice. No attempt is made to hurry the journey, which is planned for comfort and pleasure. If the departure from London is on Saturday morning the Riviera is reached on the following Wednesday, and the four intervening nights are spent at Amiens, Auxerre, Lyons, and Avignon. An alternative route by the Route des Alpes is traversed in six days, with night halts at Amiens, Paris, Autun, Grenoble, and Digne.

. . . for the present autumn and winter an extensive programme of "sunshine" tours has been arranged, which includes motor Pullman journeys through Italy, Spain, Roman France, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, and Palestine. There will also be three departures for a long combined motor, steamer and Nile tour through East and Central Africa, Kenya Colony, the Mountains of the Moon, the Sudan, and Egypt. . .

During a Motorways run at the week-end through Southern England an opportunity was given of observing the steadiness and comfort of one of the coaches used in the service. The tourists also heard from Lord Montagu of Beaulieu and Major R. Glyn, M.P., who are acting in an advisory capacity to the company, interesting comments on the development of road transport. Lord Montagu recalled a motor journey he made to the Riviera in 1901 with the late Lord Northcliffe. They travelled in a steam vehicle, and in the Forest of Fontainebleau, where snow had fallen, "the whole thing got caked up." It was a perilous journey, he said, as sometimes the brakes acted and sometimes they did not. Over the Esterels the chain snapped, and apparently they were heading for the next world, but the car fortunately subsided among the heather and rocks, and they escaped unhurt. There was glorious uncertainty in those days, but now big coaches ran with astonishing regularity.

. . . He took the extreme view that railways would become in the future the handmaid of road transport. In 20 years' time road transport would probably be far the more important of the two forms of travel . . .

# COURT AND SOCIAL

## COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 29: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

Mr Victor Chapman had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon relinquishing his appointment as Assistant Press Secretary to The Queen.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were entertained at dinner this evening by His Excellency the High Commissioner for Canada and Mrs McMurtry at 3, Grosvenor Square, London W1.

The Countess of Airlie and the Right Hon Sir William Heseltine were in attendance.

The Duchess of York visited Greater Manchester today.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight to Manchester Airport and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Sir William Downward).

The Duchess of York subsequently opened and toured The Duchess of York Children's Hospital and the Lithotripter Unit at Withington Hospital.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Chairman, North Western Regional Health Authority (Sir John Page).

The Duchess of York this afternoon opened the Carr-Gomm House in Salford where Her Royal Highness was received by the Founder of the Carr-Gomm Society (Mr Richard Carr-Gomm).

The Duchess of York afterwards visited Salford University (Vice-Chancellor, Professor J.M. Ashworth) and re-opened the Peel Building.

Her Royal Highness subsequently opened the Lowry Centenary Exhibition at Salford City Art Gallery, where The Duchess of York was received by the Lord Mayor of Salford (Councillor J. Holt).

Mrs John Floyd and Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer were in attendance.

The Prince Edward, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Project '87, this evening attended a reception at the Commonwealth Institute, London W8.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

The Princess Royal this morning opened the new ARC Southern limestone quarry at Whatley, near Frome.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Somerset (Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Luttrell).

The Princess Royal, attended by Mrs Charles Ritchie, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Her Royal Highness this evening attended a dinner given by the South Bank Board (Executive Chairman, Mr R.H. Grierson) at the Royal Festival Hall, London SE1.

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in attendance.

The Queen was represented by the Lord Charteris of Amisfield (Permanent Lord in Waiting) at the Memorial Service for The Lord Soames (formerly Cabinet Minister, Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Paris and Governor of Southern Rhodesia) which was held in Westminster Abbey today.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by the Lord Maclean.

The Princess Royal was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs.

CLARENCE HOUSE
October 29: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Honorary Air Commodore, was present this evening at a Reception given by the City of London (600) Squadron Association at Butchers' Hall.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain Niall Hall were in attendance.

Her Majesty was represented by Sir Martin Gilliat at the Memorial Service for The Lord Soames which was held in Westminster Abbey today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 29: The Prince of Wales this morning attended the Rededication of HMS Birmingham (Commander R.A.G. Clare, RN) at HM Naval Base, Portsmouth, Hampshire.

His Royal Highness, attended by Commander Richard Aylard, RN, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon opened the new B&Q DIY Supercentres' Head Office at Portswood House, 1, Hampshire Corporate Park, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, Hampshire.

Lieutenant-Commander Brian Anderson and Major Christopher Lavender were in attendance.

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince of Wales' Advisory Group on Disability, this evening attended the launch of the Nationwide Anglia National House-Building Council Award at the Inn on the Park, Hamilton Place, London W1.

Mr Humphrey Mews was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 29: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon attended the Memorial Service for The Lord Soames which was held in Westminster Abbey today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 29: The Duke of Gloucester today visited the Staff College, Camberley, Surrey.

Lt Col Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST. JAMES'S PALACE
October 29: The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Captain Michael Campbell-Lamerton at the Memorial Service for The Lord Soames which was held in Westminster Abbey today.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
October 29: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy attended the Memorial Service for The Lord Soames which was held in Westminster Abbey today.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of John Whiteford Cumming Milligan will be held in The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy at noon today.

## Marriages

**Mr C.J.T. Holland**
**and Miss C.D.R. Lawman**
The marriage took place on Thursday, October 29, at St Michael's, Chester Square, of Mr Charles Holland, only son of the late Mr Noel Holland and Mrs Greta Moore, of Chelsea, SW3, and Miss Clare Lawman, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Lawman, of 39 Eaton Square, London, SW1. The Rev David Prior officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Georgina Carter, Louise Milln, Georgia McCall, Sophie Paget-Steavenson, Thomas McCall, Freddie Milln and James Wentworth-Stanley. Mr Christopher Milln was best man.

A reception was held at the Berkeley hotel and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

**Mr D. Hyman**
**and Mrs S. McClue**
The marriage of Mr David Hyman and Mrs Suzie McClue took place in London yesterday.

## Order of the British Empire

The Queen has commanded that a service of the Order of the British Empire is to be held in St Paul's Cathedral at 11.30 on Tuesday, May 17, 1988. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, Grand Master of the Order, will be present. Those belonging to the Order and holders of the British Empire Medal who wish to attend should apply for a ticket giving their name, address, appointment (KBE, DBE, CBE, OBE, MBE, BEM) and other decorations in block capitals, as soon as possible, and not later than Friday, March 11, 1988, to the Registrar of the Order, Central Chancery, St James's Palace, London, SW1A 1BH. The size of the Order and the seating capacity in St Paul's Cathedral mean that no tickets are available for spouses, who are not Members or Medallists of the Order, or guests.

## Service Dinner

**The Royal Marines**
Lieutenant-General J.M.C. Garrod, Commandant General of The Royal Marines, presided at a dinner held last night at the Commando Forces Officers' Mess, Stonehouse, Plymouth. The guests included the Lord Lieutenant of Devon and the Minister of State for the Armed Forces.

## Today's royal engagements

The Queen will open the new combined Headquarters for the Partnership in World Mission at 157 Waterloo Road at 11.30.
The Duke of Edinburgh will attend a banquet to celebrate the tercentenary of the foundation of Windsor Guildhall at 7.25.
The Duke of York will visit the Weymouth and District branch of MENCAP at 11.00; and Dell Quay Marine, Poole and Aish Company, Poole, at 12.30.
The Princess Royal will open the new Leisure Centre built by Kingswood Borough Council in Church Road, Soundwell, Kingswood, Bristol, at 11.20; the new Conference and Sports Facilities at the Warwickshire College of Agriculture, Moreton Hall, Moreton Morrell, Warwick, at 2.15; and will attend a gala equestrain evening at the British Equestrian Centre, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, at 6.15.

## Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Adams, second president of the US 1797-1801, Quincy, Massachusetts, 1735; Richard Brinsley Sheridan, dramatist and politician, Dublin, 1751; Fyodor Dostoyevsky, Moscow, 1821; Alfred Sisley, Impressionist painter, Paris, 1839; Paul Valéry, poet, Sète, France, 1871; Ezra Pound, Hailey, Idaho, 1885.

DEATHS: Edmund Cartwright, inventor of the power loom, Hastings, 1823; Charles Maturin, dramatist, Dublin, 1824; Jean Henri Dunant, Founder of the International Red Cross, Heiden, Switzerland, 1910; Bonar Law, prime minister 1922-23, London, 1923; Pio Baroja, novelist, Madrid, 1956.

## Reception

**HM Inspectorate of Prisons**
The Secretary of State for the Home Department was the guest of honour at a reception given by Sir James Hennessy, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for England and Wales, and members of the inspectorate at 50 Queen Anne's Gate last night.

## Luncheons

**Lord Mayor**
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained the Master of the Fruiterers' Company and Mrs Sheldon, the Wardens and members of the court at luncheon at the Mansion House yesterday. Mr Sheriff Richard Saunders and the City Marshal were the other guests.

**Lord Mayor of Westminster**
The High Commissioner for Kenya was among the guests at a luncheon given by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster at City Hall yesterday.

# Memorial services

# Tribute to Lord Soames, CH

The Queen was represented by Lord Charteris of Amisfield, the Duke of Edinburgh by Lord Maclean and Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Soames, CH, held yesterday in Westminster Abbey. The Princess Royal was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs. Princess Margaret attended. The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Captain Michael Campbell-Lamerton. Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were present. Prince and Princess Michael of Kent were represented by Colonel Michael Farmer.

The Dean of Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev Alan Luff, Precentor, the Rev Raymond Hubbie and the Rev Aubrey Moody. Mr Edward Heath, MP, read the lesson and the Hon Nicholas Soames, MP, son, read from *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan. Lord Carrington, CH, gave an address. Canon Colin Semper and Canon R.T. Greenacre, the Rev Michael Thompson and the Rev Philip Hayllar were robed and in the Sacrarium. Lord Soames's decorations and medals were borne in procession to the Sacrarium by the Hon Jeremy Soames and the Hon Rupert Soames, sons.

The Archbishop of Canterbury was represented by the Bishop of Southwark. The Lord Chancellor, the Prime Minister, the Lord President of the Council and Viscountess Whitelaw, the Speaker and Mrs Weatherill, the Lord Privy Seal, Lord and Lady Home of the Hirsel, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Prince Amyn Aga Khan and Mrs Robert Mugabe attended. The Leader of the Liberal Party was represented by Baroness Seear. Others present included:

Lady Soames (widow), the Hon Mrs James Mackinnon and the Hon Mrs Charlotte Haddon (daughters), the Hon Mrs Nicholas Soames and the Hon Mrs Jeremy Soames (daughters-in-law), Gerama and Flora Soames and Clementine Hambro (granddaughters), Mrs Hugh Cairns (sister), Mr Peter Cairns, Mr and Mrs David Barclay, Miss Catherine Barclay, Mr Robin Barclay, Mr Donald Monro, Mr Winston S. Churchill, MP, and Mrs Churchill, Miss Jennie Churchill, Mrs Arabella Barton, Mr Jake Eaton, Major-General and the Hon Mrs K Perkins, Mr Dominic Walters, the Hon Julian and Mrs Sandys, Mr Hugo Dixon, the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, Lord and Lady Charles Spencer-Churchill, Lady Ivor Spencer-Churchill, Mr Nathan and Lady Henrietta Gelber, Lady Rosemary Muir.

Ambassadors, High Commissioners and other members of the Diplomatic Corps, the Duke of Portland, the Duchess of Roxburghe, the Duchess of Northumberland, Anne Duchess of Westminster, the Duke of Devonshire, the Marquess and Marchioness of Cholmondeley, the Marquess of Lothian, the Countess of Avon, Patricia Countess Jellicoe, the Countess of Lichfield, the Earl of Arran, the Earl of Bessborough, Earl and Countess De La Warr, the Earl of Dropheda, the Earl of Dundee, Earl and Countess Ferrers, Earl Fortescue, the Earl of Hardwicke, the Earl of Inchcape, the Earl and Countess of Longford, the Earl of Westmorland, the Earl and Countess of Stockton, the Earl and Countess of Arundel, the Countess of Strathmore and Kinghorne, Viscountess Lambton, Viscountess Hambleden, Viscount and Viscountess Colville of Culross, Viscount Leverhulme, Viscount Long, Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Viscountess Royston, Viscount Slim, Viscount Tonypandy, Viscount Ward of Witley, Viscount Watkinson, CH, Viscount De L'Isle, VC (Order of St Michael and St George) and Viscountess De L'Isle, Lady Rupert Nevill, Lord Patrick Beresford, Lord and Lady Aberdare, Lord Aldington, Lord Beaverbrook, Lady Bancroft, Baroness Barnett, Lord Boston of Faversham, QC, Lord Boyd-Carpenter, Lord and Lady Buckhurst, Lord and Lady Carr of Hadley, Lady Carrington, Lord Chalfont, Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, CH, Lord and Lady Cockfield, Lord and Lady Colnbrook, Lord and Lady Vere de Clanton, Baroness David, Lord and Lady Denham, Lord Donoyer, Lord and Lady Eden of Winton, Baroness Elles, MEP, Baroness Elliot of Harwood, Lord Elton, Lord Elwyn-Jones, CH, Lord Erroll of Hale, Lord Fairhaven, Lord Faringdon, Lord Fisher of Lambeth, Lord and Lady Fletcher, Lord and Lady Forte, Lord Fraser of Kilmorack, Lord Gainford, Lord and Lady Gladwyn, Lord and Lady Glendevon, Lord Greenhill of Harrow, Lord Grimthorpe, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, CH, Lord Havers, Lord Hayter, Lord Hastings, Lord Heseltine, Queen of Brumpton, Lord Hesketh, Lord and Lady Holderness, Baroness Hooper, Lord Inglewood, Lord Johnston of Rockport, Lord and Lady Killearn, Lord and Lady Kimball, Lord and Lady Lever of Manchester, Lord Lyell, Baroness Macleod of Borve, Lord Aldrine of Moffat, Lord Mancroft, Lord Maston, Lord Marley, Lord and Lady Marshall of Leeds, Lord Mason of Barnsley, Lord Merlyn-Rees, Lord Molson, Lord Monkswell, Lord Morris of Grasmere, Lord Mountgarret and Stourton, Lord Murton of Lindisfarne, Lord Nugent of Guildford, Lord and Lady Orr-Ewing, Lord Peredur, Lord and Lady Peyton of Yeovil, Lord and Lady Plumket, Lord and Lady Plummer of St Marylebone, Lord Polgooth of Shultbrede, Lord Prior, Lord and Lady Pym, Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, QC, and Lady Rawlinson, Lord and Lady Rayner, Lord and Lady Redgrave, Lord Renton, QC, Lord Redney, Lord Roll of Ipsden, Lord and Lady Rothschild, Lord Sandys, Lord Shawcross, QC, Lord Sherfield, Lord Shuckburgh, Lord Stewart of Fulham, CH, Lord Stodart of Leaston, Lady Strange, Lord Thorneycroft, CH, Lord Tredgarne, Lady Trevelyan, Baroness Trumpington, Lord Tryon, Lord Walston, Lord and Lady Weinstock, Lord and Lady Williams of Elvel, Lord and Lady Wyatt of Weeford, Baroness Young, Lord Zuckerman, OM, and Lady Zuckerman, Irene Lady Astor of Hever, Lady Boothby, Lady George-Brown, Lady Gordon-Walker, Lady Lloyd, Lady Redcliffe-Maud, Lord Keith of Castleacry (chairman, STC) with Mr A.S. Walsh (chief executive), Mr R G Bates (company secretary) and Sir Raymond Brown and Mr R A Gardiner (directors), Mrs L. Bonfield (representing the chairman, STC (International Computers)) with Mr D F Beattie, Lady (Christopher) Laidlaw, Mrs

# BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
St. Matthew 28 : 19

## BIRTHS

**ANDERSON** - On October 27th, to Paul and Ann, a daughter, Rebecca Elizabeth Dora, a sister for Benjamin.

**ARNOLD** - On October 27th, 1987, at Westminster Hospital, to Tessa (née Quartermaine) and Charles, a son.

**COATES** - On October 20th, Thomas Stephen at home, to Felicity (née Birchall), and Stephen, a brother to Danielle.

**COST** - On October 28th, to Susanne (née Chabasse) and Russell, a daughter Georgina Frances Eleanor, a sister for Charles Anthony.

**HARDMAN LEA** - On October 22nd, to Helen (née Smith) and Simon, a son, Thomas Oliver.

**HINDSON** - On October 12th, to Sue and Jamie, a son, Thomas Edward, a brother for James and Sarah.

**HOULSBY** - On October 16th 1987, in Oxford to Jenny (née Neddermann) and Guy, a son, Neil Matthew Tinmouth.

**HUNTER-CHOAT** - On October 22nd, at Heidelberg to Linda (née Wood) and Tony, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth.

**JAMES** - On October 13th, to Serena (née Jessel) and Timothy, a daughter, Rosanna Victoria.

**KELLOCK** - On October 16th, to Jane (née Eden) and Nicholas, a daughter Silin Louise, a sister for Howard.

**KERR** - On October 26th, 1987, at Pembury Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, to Gillian (née Bostock) and Graham, a daughter, Catherine Elizabeth.

**POWER** - On October 26th, in Chicago, USA to Jane and Andrew, a daughter, Katherine Vanessa.

**ROBINSON** - On October 24th, to Sue (née Allchurch) and Jeremy, a son, Nicholas Gordon.

**TELLIER** - On October 23rd, to Helen (née Astra) and Richard, twin sons.

## MARRIAGES

**SINISTER-McALLISTER - WILLIAMS** - On October 17th, 1987, at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, Allison, daughter of Dr Leslie and Mrs Beryl Sinister of Danby Dale and Silsden, West Yorkshire to Hamish, son of Dr and Mrs John McAllister-Williams of Los Gigantes, Tenerife.

## DEATHS

**ABBEY** - On October 28th, 1987 aged 44, Colin Paul at the Thames Valley Hospice, Windsor. Donations to the Hospice if wished.

**ASTBURY** - On October 28th 1987, at The Warren, Claden Road, Northam, North Devon. Dr. Norman F. Astbury, C.B.E., M.A., Sc.D. F.I.E.E., F. Inst. P., F.R.S.A. Loved and loving husband of the late Nora Enid. Devoted father of Eric, Charmian, Julian and Nigel. And much loved grandpa. Formerly of N.P.L., R.N.S.S., The Universities of New South Wales and Khartoums, latterly Director of The British Ceramic Research Association and Chairman of The Committee of Directors of Research Associations. Funeral Service will be held at The North Devon Crematorium, Barnstaple, on Monday November 2nd at 2pm. Flowers and enquiries to Morris Brothers, Funeral Directors, 95 Meddon Street, Bideford. 02572-73744.

**ATTLEE** - On October 27th, aged 72 years, suddenly, Christopher of 11 Osborne Avenue, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, formerly of Orpington, Kent. Beloved husband of the late Clarinda (née Allen) and dear father of Richard and David. Service at Newcastle Crematorium on Monday 2nd November at 11.45 am.

**BAIN** - On October 28th, at Southampton General Hospital, after a short illness, Patrick Wellesley Cooper Bain of Hyde's House, Dinton, Salisbury, Wilts, husband of the late Amy Patricia and father of Bridget McCrum. Funeral private: no flowers.

**BLOOMFIELD** - On October 27th, peacefully at Turner Home, Joan Bailey, much loved mother of Rosemary, Sarah, Helen and Miles, sister to Elsie, Vera and Harry. Service at Downs Crematorium, Brighton, Monday 2nd November at 1.30pm. No flowers. Donations to the Turner Home Hospice, Tilbury Place, Brighton.

**BOWKER** - On Wednesday October 28th, peacefully. Paul Allen of Haywards Heath, very dear husband of Kathleen, dearly loved father of Elizabeth and the late John. Much loved grandfather to Tessa, Sue, Giles, Mark and Katy and great grandfather to Tomas. Cremation at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, Sussex, on Monday November 2nd. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Cancer Research. Enquiries to Francis Chappell Funeral Service, South Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444 412766

**CLAPP** - On October 26th, peacefully at Epping after an illness bravely fought, Kenneth Hammett. Much loved husband of Kathleen, father of Derek, Terry and Diana, father-in-law of Mandy, Jenny and Steve, and adored Grandpa to Peter, Benjamin, Nicholas, Lucie, Susanna, Mark and Scott. "To live in the hearts of those you love is not to die". Funeral Service at St. Michael's Church, Theydon Mount, at 10.30am Monday November 2nd, followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to St. Margaret's Hospital, Epping. Scanner Appeal Fund.

**CONNELL** - On October 27th 1987, peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, Phyllis Maud, aged 80 years. Wife of The Reverend R. J. Connell and mother of Annette and Frederick. Funeral Service to be held at Poole Crematorium on Tuesday November 3rd at 3.00pm. Cut flowers only please and all enquiries to The Lawns Funeral Home, 366 Ringwood Road, Parkstone, Poole. Telephone 0202 743158

**FEUCHTWANGER** - On October 23rd, in California, Marta, widow of Lion, aged 96.

**HALE** - On Monday, October 26th 1987, suddenly at his home in Tunbridge Wells, Alistair Alan, aged 32 years. Dearly beloved only son of Gwenyth Mair and the late Dr. Alistair Mair. Much loved brother of Diana. Uncle of Steven and Charlotte. Sadly missed by all who knew him. Cremation will take place on Wednesday, November 4th at 12.00 noon in Tunbridge Wells. C/o E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells (0892) 22462

**MORE** - On October 28th, peacefully at home, Jasper, KB, DL, Linley Hall, Shropshire, beloved husband of Clare. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church. More for tenants and neighbours, Friday 6th November at 2.30pm. A Memorial Service to be announced later. No flowers by request. Donations if wished to St Peter's Church. More. Enquiries to Funeral Directors, WRG Pugh and Son, Shrewsbury, 0743 4646.

**OATLEY** - On October 28th 1987, at home on the Isle of Wight, James William, O.B.E. F.R.I.B.A. Funeral Service at St. Lawrence Parish Church, Undercliff Drive, St. Lawrence. Visitor on Tuesday, November 3rd at 2.30pm. Flowers to Henry Ingram Funeral Director, 12, 20 Albert Street, Ventnor, Isle of Wight by noon Tuesday.

**PHILLIPPS** - At Royal Infirmary Edinburgh on Tuesday October 27th 1987, Elizabeth Stella (Estelle) Henderson of Colinton Rd, Edinburgh. Widow of Captain Jacob Noel Phillipps M.C. Service at Christ Church Episcopal Church, Morningside on Tuesday November 3rd at 11.00 am. Funeral thereafter, to The Grange Cemetary Edinburgh.

**ROBERTSON** - On October 27th, suddenly after long illness, Valerie Allison Rosemary, (formerly Drake née Britton). Dearly loved wife of Geoffrey and mother of Justin. Funeral Tuesday, November 3rd, 1.30 pm at Hampstead Parish Church, Church Row, Hampstead. Enquires to Leverton & Son, 181 Haverstock Hill, London NW3. Tel 01 387 6075.

**SCHENK VON STAUFFENBERG** - On October 28th, Count Alfred, Deeply mourned by his wife Fee, his sons Berthold, Philip, Alexander and his sister Elisabeth Roberti. Funeral will take place in Lauttingen on Wednesday November 4th. Donations for Advental. Account number: 0655965600, BHI Bank. 10080000, West Berlin.

**SHERWOOD** - On October 29th, peacefully at her home, in Fearing, Essex, Florence Sybil aged 92 years. Mother of Nat and Sybil Llewelyn. Private funeral. No letters or flowers but donations if desired to the Essex branch of the British Red Cross Society, Chelmsford.

**SMYTH-TYRRELL** - On October 27th, peacefully in his sleep in a nursing home, Brin aged 72, loving husband, devoted father and grandfather. Funeral at 11.30am on Saturday 31st October at All Saint's Church, Sudbourne, Nr Orford. Family flowers only, donations to Parkinsons Disease Society, 36 Portland Place, London, W1N 3DG

**TERRELL** - On October 24th 1987, peacefully in her 90th year, Constance Trevor (Tita). Service at Ipswich Crematorium, West Chapel, Monday, November 2nd, 11.45 am.

**WHITE** - On October 28th 1987, in South Africa, Col J Stuart, late 1st Battalion, Kings Own Scottish Borderers. Beloved Husband of Molly and dearly loved by sister May and family.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

**BALL** - Alan Hugh. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mr Alan Hugh Ball, late Deputy Chairman Lonrho Plc, will be held on Monday, 23rd November 1987 at 11.30am at St. Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall, London EC2.

**GRIFFITHS** - (née Cordiner). A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Dr. Catherine Margaret Mather Griffiths will be held at St. James's Church, Muswell Hill on Tuesday, November 10th at 2.30pm.

**GWILLIAM** - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Freda H. Gwilliam, C.B.E., M.A., D. Litt., will be held at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on Friday, November 6th at noon.

## IN MEMORIAM - WAR

**LOUISE** - For the men of Fulwood who gave their lives for God, Crown and Country. They died for freedom and honour.

## IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

**BUSBY** - Judge Herbert Cecil, D.F.C. On 30th October 1986. Remembered with love by Rita and Richard.

**TRELOGAN** - Peter. With happy memories on the anniversary of his death. Loved and greatly missed by his friends.

## Science report

# Ozone gap threatens Antarctic scientists

By A Special Correspondent

**The ozone hole in the atmosphere over the Antarctic has grown large enough to cause concern about the safety of scientists working in the area.**

**The latest measurements, showing a continuing deterioration of the protective layer of ozone in the upper atmosphere, were reported earlier this week by the American National Science Foundation.**

**The details were given by Dr Peter Wilkniss, director of the organisation's polar programmes. He told a special committee of the Senate that the foundation was discussing with health officials from Chile and Argentina the implications for the safety of the inhabitants of southernmost South America.**

**In the far south the depletion of the ozone layer has become a springtime phenomenon. It was first observed more than 10 years ago by a British Antarctic Survey team.**

**Ozone in the stratosphere protects people, animals and plants by absorbing most of the ultraviolet radiation from the sun, which in excess causes sunburn and skin cancer.**

**The recent decline in atmospheric ozone is linked to the release of chlorofluorocarbons, chemicals used in aerosols, refrigeration and a variety of other applications.**

**In the higher latitudes, when ultraviolet radiation gets through the ozone, it is partly absorbed in the lower atmosphere.**

**But this is less true in Antarctica, where the air is exceptionally clear.**

**Last month scientists reported observations from space and long-range aircraft indicating that the hole was even larger this year than last.**

**The latest observations, reported this week from the ground at McMurdo Sound in Antarctica, showed levels of chlorine monoxide in the lower stratosphere there to be 100 times greater than elsewhere.**

**Some scientists believe the chemistry responsible for the enormous drop in ozone over Antarctica has characteristics distinctive to the area.**

**The trouble is precipitated by atmospheric pollution. But the process involves "chemistry of a most unusual character" in which, in the extreme cold of the Antarctic stratosphere, nitric acid and water form crystals that drop out of the atmosphere as nitric acid ice.**

**This sets the stage for reactions in which chlorine, released from the chlorofluorocarbons, acts as a catalyst to break down the ozone.**

**Dr F. Sherwood Rowland, of the University of California at Irvine, who warned of the ozone danger in the early 1970s, pointed out that atmospheric measurements from the ground in Switzerland, South Dakota and Maine all show moderate ozone depletion in spring or late winter.**

# PERSONAL COLUMNS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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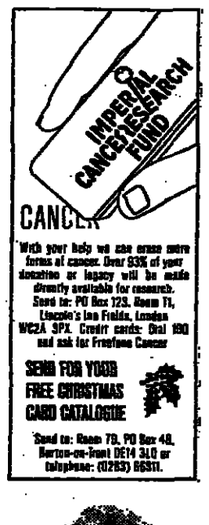
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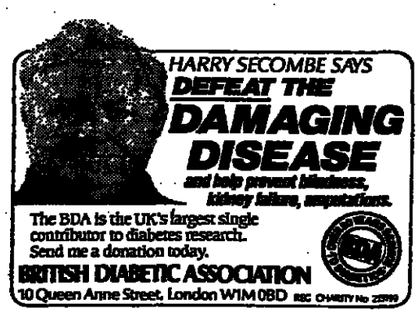
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# THE ARTS

## A fly on the wall

**The all-seeing television camera increasingly confuses the making and recording of reality. When a fly on the wall, its presence often censors its subjects but when candid, programme-makers feel frequently bound to stage-manage events to provoke "genuine" *impromptu* reactions.**

What was intriguing about the opening programme of the latest voyeuristic documentary series, *The Duty Men* (BBC2), which took the lid off our customs men taking the false bottom out of a cocaine smuggler's suitcase, was that it had it both ways. Knowing they were being filmed, the

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muted customs men seemed to be modifying their language – though at least they kept the code words if not the swear words. Talk was most animated when one of them surprisingly launched into almost passable French on the phone to thank their Gallic counterparts.

The smuggler, Mr Favell or "Tango Ten", unaware of the camera, came up with lines which were too Arthur Daley even for *Minder*. When asked why he had flown to Brazil, the appropriately snow-haired gentleman in white shoes replied that he had gone to visit a child whom he had fathered after he had gone there to watch a football match.

Seeing him fall into the trap was compulsive viewing but it also provoked unease. The BBC may not have stage-managed events but the customs men certainly led Tango Ten a merry dance. They were right to do so, but if they had not intervened his incompetence or waryness and the airline luggage system might have resulted in him never picking up the case with the cocaine.

In *Letters From An Indian Clerk* (Channel 4), *Equinox* told the fascinating story of Srinivasa Ramanujan, the self-tanght Indian mathematical genius who was brought to Trinity College, Cambridge in 1914. Not surprisingly, they spared us most of the mathematics and gave us instead characters, including Ramanujan's now-ancient wife and an almost-as-ancient professor who must have either inspired, or taken as his role model, *Porterhouse Blue*.

**Andrew Hislop**

# Still the epic to beat them all

*Ben-Hur*, the biggest film of the silent era, is set to burst on to the big screen again



Ben-Hur's chariot scene: a cash prize and heavy betting among the 80,000 spectators ensured hectic driving and spectacular accidents

*Ben-Hur* at the Palladium will be the most spectacular presentation of a silent film with live orchestra since *Napoleon* began a world-wide enthusiasm for "live cinema" events in 1980. The film, with all its original tinted and Technicolor sequences restored, will be accompanied by 70 musicians of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, under Carl Davis, who has created the score as for all the previous Thames Silents presentations.

*Ben-Hur* has always been The Biggest – ever since the appearance of the original novel in 1880. It outsold every book except the Bible, and was the first work of fiction blessed by the Pope.

For religious reasons its author, General Lew Wallace, declared that he would permit no dramatic adaptations of the book, which relates the tribulations and triumph of a young Jewish nobleman and contemporary of Christ. But he ultimately gave in to the Broadway impresarios Mark Klaw and Abraham Erlanger, who in return agreed to his stringent conditions – they included a stipulation that the rights would lapse if the play was not performed annually.

The stage production was spectacular, including a sea battle and a chariot race, with real horses and chariots careering on a treadmill. The Roman villain Messala was played by the future Western superstar, William S. Hart. *Ben-Hur* opened on Broadway in 1899 and toured for years thereafter.

When a modest one-reel film version was released in 1907, Klaw and Erlanger successfully sued, in the first case ever brought in the matter of motion picture rights. When Hollywood began fishing for the film rights in the early Twenties, Erlanger offered them for $1 million – more than the total cost of any film made up to that time.

The Goldwyn company settled on a profit-sharing arrangement with Erlanger. Thereupon commenced one of the great fiascos of film history, beside which the troubles of *Cleopatra* seem idyllic. As Kevin Brownlow (who with David Gill has been responsible for all the Thames Silents presentations) has written, it was "a sort of Dunkirk of the cinema; a humiliating defeat transformed, after heavy losses, into a brilliant victory".

Goldwyn's powerful scenarist June Mathis insisted that the film be shot in Italy. Cast and crew were shipped out, to find nothing ready and the depressed Italian film industry in no state to cope with a major Hollywood production.

Most of the unit sat around on the beach at Anzio. The star, Francis X. Bushman, who was to play Messala, took a world tour: after 25 countries they were still not ready for him.

Meanwhile, Goldwyn merged with Mayer to become MGM. The new company attempted a salvage operation after an estimated million dollars had already been wasted. A new director, Fred Niblo – a former vaudevillian and brother-in-law of George M. Cohan – and a new Ben-Hur, Ramon Novarro, were taken out.

All that had already been shot was scrapped. The jinx continued. The first major scene to be shot was a sea-battle for which full-scale Roman galleys had been built in the Genoa shipyards. The wind whipped up a fire in the trireme; and extras, many weighed down with armour, leapt into the sea. Even today there is uncertainty about the extent of the casualties.

The set for the Circus Maximus, where the chariot race was to be filmed, had taken so long to build that winter had come and the light was no longer suitable for shooting. When a fire destroyed the property warehouse, MGM admitted defeat. The unit was withdrawn, and the entire film, apart from the sea battle (the fire had at least resulted in some dramatic shots) was started all over again in Hollywood.

To recreate the Circus Maximus – still the most breathtaking set in all cinema – 800 men were employed for four months. The chariot race was shot on a Saturday, and 80,000 people crammed the spectators' stands – including 10,000 paid extras.

The chariot race was directed not by Niblo but by J. Reeves Eason, a specialist in Westerns and other equestrian pictures. For appearance's sake, Niblo visibly supervised events from a 100-foot platform. The scene was shot by 42 cameras, with further cameras in an aeroplane overhead. An army of assistant directors controlling crowds and cameras was linked by 12,000 feet of telephone wire. One of these assistants was William Wyler, who was to direct the 1959 remake of Ben-Hur.

Twelve four-horse chariots took part in the race. A cash prize for the winner and heavy betting among the spectators ensured some hectic driving and some spectacular accidents. There are awful legends of the carnage among the horses.

The film was finally premiered in New York on December 30, 1925. It had cost more than $4 million – a budget that was then astronomical, and not to be equalled for several decades. With the costs of publicity and distribution, MGM never saw a profit; but the prestige more than compensated for the loss. *Ben-Hur* was the wonder film of the Twenties: no superlative seemed adequate.

Films are vulnerable to decay; and *Ben-Hur* has taken months of restoration work. Ten sequences – mainly the Christ story – were shot in two-strip Technicolor; but MGM's own copies had faded to monochrome. The Prague Film Archive lent two prints in their possession, from which the colour sections have been reprinted, and all the original colour tinting of the rest of the film has been faithfully reproduced. Even one short scene excised by the censors in 1925 – a close-up of a nail piercing Christ's hand in the Crucifixion scene – has been rediscovered and replaced. After 62 years *Ben-Hur* is bigger than ever.

**David Robinson**

*The Palladium screenings are presented in the context of the London Film Festival, from November 25-28. The first performance, on November 25, will be a Royal Charity Premiere in aid of the British Deaf Association, in the presence of Princess Alexandra.*

WORLD MUSIC

### Bhundu Boys
Town & Country

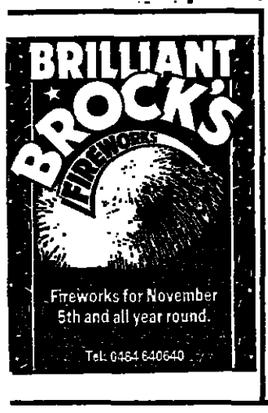
*There was no denying* the sense of joyous occasion as the brightly-clothed Bhundu Boys jogged and bounced about in front of a cardboard cut-out silhouette of a rhinoceros, on a stage festooned with their native Zimbabwean flag and a huge advertisement for the promoter, *City Limits* magazine. The sold-out performance began and ended with vigorous denouncements of apartheid and a plea for donations to help save the black rhino.

If the politics were predictable, so too was the audience's energetic response to the twinkling, interwoven guitar patterns of Biggie Tembo and Rise Kagona, the nimble, upwardly-mobile bass playing of David Mankaba, Shakie Kangwena's delicate keyboard icing, and the extraordinary drumming of Kenny Chitsvatsva, which combined a steady four in the bar (disco) bass-drum beat with much chopping and changing between subtle rumba and latin emphases on the hi-hat and top kit.

With lyrics chanted in African and English, they call this tropical cocktail of sounds and rhythms "jit" music, and it is an engaging electric corruption of the traditional shona melodies of southern Africa. Having exported jit and themselves to Britain last year amid much critical acclaim from the patron saints of alternative music radio (Peel, Kershaw, Gillett) the Bhundu Boys have since worked their way doggedly round the British club circuit, eventually winning a recording contract with WEA.

*The most striking* feature was how implacably cheerful and upbeat the music was, a refreshing change from the aggression and angst that characterizes much of rock, but subtly lacking both variation and the ability to express fundamental emotion in the way that is second nature to a modern African singer like Salif Keita. Great fun though it was, there was an impression of skating across the surface of a new, sunny fusion; the novel pop music of another culture, but pop nevertheless.

**David Sinclair**



# Hopes fulfilled

CONCERTS

### LCP/Norrington
Queen Elizabeth Hall/Radio 3

**Roger Norrington's Beethoven series with his London Classical Players, linked to his recording project for EMI, seems to have caught the public's imagination. On this occasion an atmosphere of anticipation was buzzing around the full hall before a note had been played.**

**That anticipation proved correct. In the overture *The Creatures of Prometheus* the playing was incisive and dramatic, and the same qualities characterised Norrington's performance of the "Eroica" symphony, though the depth of the work correspondingly engendered a rather deeper response. Norrington's speeds must have been on the fast side (except in the Scherzo), though they certainly did not feel that way. Indeed, much that one had not previously noted as important in the texture proved to be so here, for instance the music in the lower string parts towards the end of the first movement. The three horns were not absolutely note perfect in the Trio section of the Scherzo, but they were close enough, and the touch of uncertainty they added – it was only a touch – served to increase the crucial sense of daring. And the strings played with confidence and polish, while the woodwind were never less than reliable, and often much more.**

***In keeping with the flavour* of the concert, Melvyn Tan's reading of Beethoven's First Piano Concerto was given with many an unexpected but engaging touch, none more so than the throw away cadence that signalled the end of his determinedly ostentatious first movement cadenza. Nevertheless, and despite a finale that went with an ebulliently syncopated swing, the performance was far from being all froth. The slow movement was garnished with intensely poetic playing.**

**Stephen Pettitt**

# In memoriam

### Philharmonia/ Salonen
Festival Hall

Even under routine conditions Elgar's Cello Concerto can be a soulful experience. Wednesday night's performance carried the additional *emotional* weight of being dedicated to the memory of Jacqueline du Pré and played on the Stradivarius she once owned.

With her performance so vividly recalled by last week's BBC television broadcast, it was as well that Lynn Harrell gave an interpretation here that was unmistakably his own. His muscular technique – so assured when spanning Elgar's wide leaps on one string – turned the scherzo into a fast, brittle statement, and he found angry rhetoric in the big double-stopping and pizzicato passages.

Perhaps his grainy tone is not the world's purest, but he used it with restraint and nobility in the adagio. More questionable were some inelegant portamenti scoops.

Esa-Pekka Salonen's phrasing of the orchestral passages had its prosaic moments, but he redeemed himself with an explicit and powerful account of Nielsen's Fifth Symphony. The peripatetic, improvizing side-drummer naturally dominated, but there was excellent wind playing too, and the strings handled the tricky *fugue competently*.

Earlier, Salonen's lightning tour of little Ligeti pieces continued with *Lontano*, another piece that employs a lot of players to produce a generally tiny sound. The miniaturist concentration on shifting instrumental timbres in ingenious combinations, largely at the expense of rhythm, harmony and melody, fascinates the ear, though the mind eventually asks for something more tangible.

A footnote for posterity: this concert was the first to be recorded for the archives of the new Music Performance Research Centre, which will enable future generations to taste the musical excitements that stunned us in 1987.

**Richard Morrison**

# Patterns and time passing

DANCE

### Rite of Spring
Covent Garden

Sex equality has reached the Royal Opera House. The Chosen Maiden in Kenneth MacMillan's *Rite of Spring* has been replaced by a Chosen One.

First to break the sex barrier was Simon Rice who made his debut last night dancing strongly, and articulating the grotesque movements clearly. But the choreography fits oddly on a male body, losing much of its fluidity, and while Rice's dancing was not inexpressive he fails to convey the frozen terror which some of his distinguished female predecessors have brought to the role.

The ballet itself has dated without becoming a period piece. Sidney Nolan's designs retain their effectiveness, but the movement and the ceremonial depicted are sadly illogical. What kind of ceremony is it which begins with the participants lying on their backs making patterns with their legs?

Time has dealt more kindly with *The Firebird* though it appears that whoever is responsible for compiling the Covent Garden programme feels that its choreographer Mikhail Fokine is a figure best forgotten. Despite being one of the most influential choreographers of this century, he fails to rate more than a passing acknowledgement.

Firebird was the role that shot Fiona Chadwick into prominence, and she has continued to improve in the part, combining the magical bird with the ballerina in the right proportions to achieve a memorable result.

Making her debut in the role on Monday, Maria Almeida danced with beautiful clarity, but without conveying much feeling at the outset. She appeared to gain in confidence as the ballet progressed, and her very remoteness eventually brought extra authority. Partnering her was Jay Jolley, who seemed far too gently born for this particular prince.

How shabbily the Opera House has treated Ashton these past 40 years. Only now with Bernard Haitink in the pit revealing the beauty and complexity of Stravinsky's score for *Scènes de Ballet* can we see how his choreography enriches the music.

It is this intense musicality which makes Ravenna Tucker a less than ideal interpreter of the ballerina role. She is not, I think, an innately musical dancer and she has developed an unfortunate mannerism with her head which detracts from her performance. Philip Broomhead in the principal male role combined exhilarating elevation with youthful dignity.

**Judith Cruickshank**




# JAPAN

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Donald Cooper



Streetwise: David Keys and Kwabena Manso in Sanctuary

# Rhythm and blues

THEATRE

### Sanctuary
Drill Hall

Joint Stock made their name in the Seventies with tough, radical plays propelled by anger and expressed through innovatory styles of performance. After the superb *Mouthful of Birds* of a year ago this latest work – written, after the usual workshop preliminaries, by Ralph Brown – returns to their earlier concern with social injustice. It is the reverse of the me-firster's life as seen in *Serious Money*: the bed and breakfast land of the seriously poor.

The flashing traffic signs place us immediately in the rootless world of the London homeless, whose story is told in streetwise talk that cracks wide open when a need is felt to make us all grasp some general point. And rather like the way this sentence is going, a rhythm builds up and a rap starts moving, breakdance, bodypopping (which is treating your body like a lot of loose limbs), and the hip-hop style splits the phrases into bits. The beat is infectious and often in the background a girl not singing will be clicking and zizzing.

The six actors, three boys, three girls, have been taught their energetic paces by, among others, Grandmaster Richie Rich and Sipho the *Human Beatbox*, evident experts in the field. The punchy delivery of Brown's sharp and witty lines generates tremendous rapport with the audience, making it hard to resist feelings of sympathy with even the dimmer wits.

From the neon lights of London the action moves to the rainbow-coloured hippy convoy nosing towards Stonehenge, where the inhabitants are presented as dotty anarchists encircled by police vehicles moving in time to the bulging English melodies of Elgar.

Noteworthy pleasures of Paulette Randall's production are two studies in loopiness by David Keys, the set-faced hard girl of Rita Wolf, and Gaylie Runciman's wobbly voice.

**Jeremy Kingston**

# Exciting spark of humanity

### Tomorrow Was War
Lyttelton

Completing the South Bank's International series, Moscow's Mayakovsky Theatre Company is in some ways the most astonishing of the lot: a major Soviet troupe consisting mainly of superb young actors, and – instead of the usual safe offering from the classic repertory – a new play showing Russian drama stirring out of its long-enforced sleep.

Nominally, Boris Vassiliev's three-hour chronicle is a patriotic salute to the generation who grew up in the wake of the Civil War and then went out to die in their millions in repelling the German invasion. The piece begins and ends with the sight of Class 9B posing for an end-of-term photograph, under the sad scrutiny of a fighter-pilot revisiting his old school and recalling memories of the dead.

Beyond this framework, though, there is hardly a word about the War. It is a play about schoolchildren going through the awkward age – flirtatious, tongue-tied, priggish, bullying – indistinguishable from adolescents the world over, except that they are confined to Chernyshevsky and other socially uplifting texts, and when they write essays on "What I want to be" they get top marks for ambitions in the Party hierarchy.

Conversely, when the elegant Vika (G. V. Belyaeva) starts reciting Essenin poems at a birthday party when the dancing falls flat, she immediately arouses official suspicion.

*The children occupy a* world whose rules are continually being redrawn by their elders. Domestically, these include Vika's Civil War veteran father who declares that "truth mustn't turn to dogma"; and a stony, leather-jacketed CPSU mother whose daughter Iskra has followed in her footsteps up the echelons of the Komsomol. Likewise the school has acquired a Red Army hero headmaster, who is promoting liberal ideas to the outrage of his woman deputy who is a total creature of State theology.

The play proceeds to show the children variously emerging from their total dependence on the judgement of the adult world and developing values of their own. The main instrument of their awakening is the arrest of Vika's much respected father on an embezzlement charge, followed by her suicide in certain knowledge that she would be victimized for his alleged crime.

The lesson that Vassiliev draws from this is that red tape can kill as surely as bullets.

A Goncharov's production has its over-deliberate passages (not to mention the lectures with which Vassiliev punctuates the action), but its sovereign quality is that every character on stage is humanized; even those who maintain most that it is "rotten liberalism" to ascribe humanity to anyone except a right-thinking citizen. The production is here until the end of the week, and it is not to be missed.

**Irving Wardle**

FRIDAY PAGE

# The best and the worst of times?



BARBARA AMIEL

The stock market crash was the flavour of the week. "I'm terribly sorry," said the carpenter who was supposed to fix my stuck sliding kitchen doors and never showed up. "It's the crash." All this week, the television news presenters were positively ghoulish with voices dropping almost a full octave when the Dow Jones really slid. Channel 4 only relaxed when, finally, some disturbed American went and shot his stockbroker and himself, showing irrefutably, the true face of capitalism.

But the crash was only part of the story. These are paradoxical times in Britain, perhaps the best and worst of times. Crime and a callous indifference to right and wrong seem to be colliding with a growing interest in matters of morality. Something is happening in this country , I think, slowly perhaps but beginning nevertheless.

In one sense the week was as full of unpleasant happenings as ever. In Wembley, a young woman was repeatedly raped and tortured for nearly 24 hours by three young thugs, her body branded with a red-hot fork. A blind pensioner in Leytonstone had her guide dog stolen from her locked front garden. Criminals went on carrying out their attacks, not surprisingly, on the weakest and most vulnerable members of society.

At the same time, the disruption of society by our social engineers continued with usual Alice-in-Blunderland absurdity. The London borough of Islington infuriated male taxi drivers by alloting £157,864 to train 25 women as taxi drivers in order to correct the oppressive imbalance in favour of male drivers. In Birmingham, a team of counsellors has been brought in to take care of social workers who are taking care of teenagers who are beating up the social workers.

Meanwhile, a London court listened to the testimony of a teenage boy who exploded into obscenities as he remained hidden behind a screen from the relatives he was accusing of sexual assault. Some 250 miles away, in the third month of the Cleveland investigation, there were more accounts of parents driven to despair as accusations of child abuse based on dubious evidence resulted in their children being snatched away and put into care. O tempora! O mores!

In all this muddle, the stock market debacle seemed almost a necessary prelude to finding a moral compass. Suddenly the dizzying lifestyles of the quickie stock millionaires were endangered and with them the Vanity Fair of obsessive materialism that had long passed the bounds of decency. American magazines had chronicled the display with the *Forbes* list of the richest men in America and *Fortune*'s competing list of the richest in the world. Dinner invitations hung in the balance as New York society shrewdly sized up who had made both lists. Business writers waxed lyrical over what it took to be rich ($10 million a year according to *Fortune*) and only last week the British press greeted "the new look of Luxe" with shrieks of delight as couturier Christian Lacroix unveiled his new line of ready-to-wear at £2,500 a frock.

It was not the hunger to accumulate wealth that made one cringe, nor even the eagerness to display it. What appalled was the new fascination among a sizeable group of people with the result of wealth, unmatched by any concern for the process that generated it. The stock market groupies of the Eighties seemed unconcerned with talent, inventiveness, self-sacrifice or self-development. Their energies focused on how to get the most for the least — something for nothing.

But against this hubris, as if in the eye of a hurricane, another pattern became clearer this week. Support grew for the private member's Bill of David Alton, to reduce the maximum limit for abortions from 28 to 18 weeks. Debate on the issue was emotional, sometimes polarized, but an anguished recognition surfaced that other needs besides those of the mother alone might have moral standing: the right of the father, of the community, and the unborn child itself. One sensed that the real debate now was not over the concept of restricting late abortions, but rather how to build in abortion for women diagnosed as carrying severely deformed foetuses late in pregnancy. Perhaps attention was still not focused as sharply as some of us might like on the inconvenient fact that a foetus, whatever its age, could not simply be treated like an appendix or a kidney stone — that it was a chromosome mass with the unique potential for life. Still, the recognition that this was, after all, a complex moral issue was manna for the soul.

At the same time there seemed to be a concentration of public policy debate on the entire question of right and wrong in this society. The Government introduced its anti-crime policy with a strong emphasis on crime prevention. The national debate on how to include some sort of values education in the schools' new national curriculum continued. The Prime Minister drew both acclaim and blistering attacks for her chiding of the Church over its reluctance to assume moral leadership.

It was easy to attack all this as getting hold of the wrong end of the stick. The problem after all is not press-ganging innocent citizens' about their duty to get rid of crime but rather a need to create a society in which citizens have a genuine moral revulsion to crime. Moreover, values education is unlikely to do much good taught as a separate subject. Values and morals exist when everything is imbued with them. If you have to teach such things in the curriculum, you have already lost them — as Mr Chips would have understood.

But the fact that this is all now on the national agenda indicates at the very least that we recognize that there is a problem. For a good part of this century we have been swinging away, challenging a large number of basic assumptions about the nature of men and women as well as the role of the family. Our social engineers have been happily chopping up all that old-fashioned Victorian furniture and suddenly we have very little to sit on. We've smashed a lot of crockery and discovered that while we may have thought the dishes ugly, without them you have to eat off the floor and if you do so you will become pretty much like a wild animal.

Metaphors are inaccurate, of course, but in breaking up the nuclear family we failed to create something else to take over all those impulses that the family handled. Outmoded as the family may be, its functions cannot remain unfulfilled without chaos and vandalism, rootlessness and misery.

I think we have finally recognized this and while you and I may disagree about the solutions, about what we think of ethics courses in schools or late abortions, this public debate signifies one essential thing. This society is facing a moral crisis and when the *Zeitgeist* begins to reflect such knowledge, then we are at the beginning of the solution.

# Kiss that united black and white

In her native South Africa, passion and politics are cast in Janet Suzman's directing debut

Janet Suzman had no intention of pulling any punches with her *Othello*. Even glimpsed on the poor quality video tape of the production that she has brought back from South Africa, that first kiss is intoxicating: hot, hungry and naked.

Few would argue against the South Africa-born former RSC actress's goal of having Othello and Desdemona "touch each other and entwine shamelessly". But on stage at Johannesburg's Market Theatre, with a black Othello and a lily-white Desdemona, Shakespeare's 400-year-old tragedy was transformed in one fell swoop from the merely passionate to the patently contemporary and political.

Suzman returned from the scene of her theatrical coup earlier this week. The production, in which she made her debut as a director, was a huge box-office hit. Most of its multiracial audience, Suzman says, "leaned forward in their seats like baby birds, their mouths open." One or two, unable to stomach the embrace, stormed the exit doors noisily. One South African newspaper, *The Star*, hailed it as a "monumental, thunderous production"; the *City Press*, whose staff are black, described it as "the liberation of black theatre".

Mark Pepper



Janet Suzman: A triumph for multiracial culture

The praise Suzman has received for it has been happily accepted, and seems to have gone a long way to restoring the self-esteem knocked for six by her divorce from the RSC's Trevor Nunn last year. "Probably this production boosted my self-confidence," she says, "because I knew that I was taking on something huge."

The idea for this multiracial *Othello* at the Market, the only totally independent theatre company in South Africa, was spawned over a remarkably short space of time. During her Easter visit to family and friends in South Africa — her aunt is MP Helen Suzman, a veteran crusader against apartheid, and Suzman herself attended the traditionally political University of Witwatersrand — the actress went to see her friend John Kani, the Tony Award-winning black actor, in a play at the Market.

"I had this blinding vision. I looked at John and thought, 'You ought to be playing Othello', and I looked at the theatre and thought, 'You ought to have a Shakespeare in you.' The next morning I put it to him."

When Kani accepted the role of Othello, the rest of the production snapped into place.

The actress, who is a voiciferous supporter of Equity's South Africa boycott, says her participation was only permissible based on her South African origins. The threat of disruption from the far right-wing Afrikaans Weerstand Beweging hoodlums was ever present although the prospect of intervention from the South African regime was virtually nil. "I think even they would feel foolish walking in to stop a performance of Shakespeare. It would be like banning *Black Beauty*."

Directing demanded her presence merely for rehearsals and for much of that time her six-year-old son Joshua was with her. As a single parent Suzman says she is "bolted, nutted and screwed into Joshy's school terms, and I will not take on anything that gets in the way."

She doubts whether the wounds from her bitter divorce will ever properly heal, and she looks with jaundiced eyes on her prospects of forging another long-term liaison. "I have to love someone in order to give my life to them. But I don't think I ever want to be in love like that again. Not ever, thank you very much. It's too terrible, too painful."

**Angela Brooks**

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## TALKBACK

*From William F Wakeling, Willow Wren Wharf, Hayes Road, Southall, Middlesex.*

**Your article on home versus hospital births ("Happy Birthday", October 22), while understandably supporting the well-being of mother and baby, does not mention the advantages of a home birth to the father.**

**My third child was born at home shortly after I reached the telephone and before the midwife could arrive. Fortunately there were no complications and after the birth I moved a bed and cot in the lounge for my wife and baby.**

**Being really involved in the birth and then, later, the aftercare of my wife and baby was, far more than previously, both moving and unforgettable. I am sure it is shared experiences such as this which help bind family unity.**

*From Mrs Alicia Smith, Sutton Common Road, Sutton, Surrey.*

**I am so glad that I was not alone in seeing through Peter Ustinov's "little white lies" (Barbara Amiel, October 23) and other distortions in his series *My Russia* but was also sorry to lose the old Ustinov.**

*From Celia Battersby, Longdale House, Wincle, Macclesfield, Cheshire.*

**In "Working Hard for Your Divorce" (Monday Page, October 26) Peter Grose-Hodge, a solicitor, says, "Looking after a house and children per se, is easy, menial and boring. So why should doing that for 20 years entitle a woman to half of a fortune that she hasn't got one-tenth of the wit, industry or education to earn for herself."**

**After reading Law at Oxford I spent 25 years looking after a home and children (and husband). Recently I took, and passed, the Law Society's Final Examinations. I started work in a solicitor's office, but found it, per se, so easy, menial and boring that I returned most happily to looking after my home and husband.**

**But I wonder why some solicitors make at least half a fortune when apparently they have not one-tenth of the wit, industry and education I have.**





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## THEATRE

### LONDON

★ **ALLO, ALLO:** Return of last year's stage version of the T V show.
Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry Street W1 (01-839 5987). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10.20pm, Fri and Sat 8.40-11pm, mats Fri and sat 5.30-7.50pm, £7.50-£14.

★ **BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT:** Frank Finlay, Wendy Craig and others in Jeffrey Archer courtroom drama.
Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue W1 (01-734 1166). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £5-£13.50.

☆ **HIGH SOCIETY:** The show of the film. Stoked with extra Cole Porter. Good performances.
Victoria Palace Theatre, Victoria Street, SW1 (01-834 1317). Tube: Victoria. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.45pm, mats Wed 3-5.30pm and Sat 4.45-7.15pm, £7.50-£18.50. (D)

☆ **THE HYPOCHONDRIAC:** Tom Courtenay leads in Molière's classic comedy, directed by Nancy Meckler.
Lyric Theatre, King Street W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm. £5-£10.

☆ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Dame Hilda Bracket bestows upon us her Lady Bracknell and Dr Evadne Hinge offers her Miss Prism in a cunning adaptation of Mr Wilde's original.
Whitehall Theatre, Whitehall, SW1 *(01-930 7765). Tube: Embankment.* Previews tonight and tomorrow, 8-10.15pm. First night Nov 2, 7-9.15pm. Then Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sats 8.15-10.30pm; mats Wed 3-*5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15.* Previews £6.50-£11.50. From Nov 2, £8.50-£13.50

★ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** New Peter Shaffer comedy starring Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack, directed by Michael Blakemore.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly. Mon to Sat 7.45-10.15pm. Mats Sat 3-5.30pm. £7.50-£14.50.

☆ **A LIE OF THE MIND:** Fine acting team in new Sam Shepard play exploring family tensions in the Mid West.
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square SW1 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat 2.30pm. £4-£12.

☆ **THE LIFE OF NAPOLEON:** John Sessions's dazzling one-man show, with the additional voices of Olivier, Orson Welles, Frank Bruno and about 30 others. Transfer after sell-out run at Riverside.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-836 3878). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 8-10.30pm, Sat 8.30-11pm; mats Sat 5-7.30pm, £5-£12.50.

☆ **THE LIVING ROOM:** Major revival of Graham Greene's first play; strong cast includes Katherine Schlesinger, Judy Campbell, Dulcie Gray, Peter Blythe and Paul Daneman.
Royalty Theatre, Portugal Street WC2 (01-831 0660). Tube: Holborn/Temple. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Wed 3pm and Sat 5pm, £6.50-£12.50.

☆ **MELON:** New Simon Gray play stars Alan Bates as a glittering publisher imploding with sexual jealousy.
Haymarket Theatre, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mats Sat 3-5.30pm, £4-14.50.

☆ **SERIOUS MONEY:** Caryl Churchill's searing musical play about the Big Bang transfers after a sell-out run at the Royal Court.
Wyndhams Theatre, Charing Cross Road. WC2 (01-836 3028). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs 8-10.30pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-10.45pm, *mats Fri 5-7.30pm and Sat 4-*6.30pm, £5-£13.50. (D)

☆ **THREE MEN ON A HORSE:** Marvellously funny and friendly betting comedy; Geoffrey Hutchings and company joined by Toyah Willcox for this National Theatre transfer.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9988). Tube: Charing Cross, Mon-Fri 8-10.10pm, Sat 8.30-10.40pm, mats Wed 3-5.10pm and Sat 5-7.10pm, £5-£13.50.

★ **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE:** Michael Gambon magnificent in transfer of Alan Ayckbourn's NT production.
Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404) Tubes: Charing Cross/Covent Garden. Previews untilNov 2, Mon-Fri, 7.30-9.40pm. Sat 8.30-10.40pm; Mat Sat 5-7.10pm. £3.50-£11. From Nov 3, £5-14.50.

*LONG RUNNERS:* ☆ ***The Business Of Murder:*** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward *Theatre (01-734 8951).* . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc *01-836 1171).* . . ☆ ***Me And My*** **Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's *Theatre* (01-836 1443) . . ★ **Phantom Of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Starlight** *Express:* Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665).

### OUT OF TOWN

**BATH:** ☆ ***J J Farr:*** Ronald Harwood's new play, en route for the West End, has Albert Finney as an ex-priest and recently released hostage. With Bob Peck.
*Theatre Royal, Sawclose (0225* 65085), 8pm, £7-£11.

**COVENTRY:** ☆ **The Way To Go Home:** Political thriller about two Scottish tourists getting into trouble in Turkey.
Belgrade Studio Theatre, Belgrade Square (0203 553055), 7.45pm, £2.50.

**NOTTINGHAM:** ☆ **Saturday Night and Sunday Morning:** Alan Sillitoe's gritty view of 1950s Nottingham.
Playhouse, Wellington Circus (0602 419419), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

**STRATFORD-UPON-AVON:** ☆ **A Question of Geography:** John Caird directs the British premiere of *a play by John Berger and Nella* Bielski, set in the Siberia of the 1940s.
The Other Place (0789 295623), 7.30pm, £7.

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| 4 | (3) | Angel Heart |
| 5 | (5) | Snow White & 7 Dwarfs |
| 6 | (4) | Hope & Glory |
| 7 | (-) | The Rescuers |
| 8 | (-) | Who's That Girl |
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| 10 | (6) | Full Metal Jacket |

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3 Angel Heart
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| 5 | (2) | Like Father, Like Son |
| 6 | (5) | Dirty Dancing |
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■ **ANGEL HEART (18):** Mickey Rourke's down-at-heel detective pursues a missing person to the voodoo underworld of New Orleans. Pulp stuff, directed by Alan Parker in slam-bang style (113 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). *Progs 2.05, 5.50, 8.40.*

**ARIA (18):** A mixed bag of directors put visuals to ten operatic bonbons from RCA's record catalogue. *Directors include Jean-Luc Godard,* Robert Altman, Nicolas Roeg, Ken Russell and Derek Jarman. (87 min).
☎ Lumière (01-836 0691). Progs *1.10, 3.05, 5.05, 7.05, 9.10, 11.15.*

■ **LA BAMBA (15):** Conventional biography of the Mexican-American rock legend Ritchie Valens, dead at 17. *Directed by Luis Valdez (100* min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Rd (01-636 6148). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 6.00, 8.25, 11.15.

**BLISS (18):** Bizarre Australian black comedy from 1985, about an advertising executive whose world crumbles after a heart attack. Based on Peter Carey's novel; directed by Ray Lawrence, with Barry Otto, Lynette Curran, Helen Jones. (111 min)
☎ Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697). Progs 1.10 3.30, 6.00, 8.35, 11.30.

■ **BEVERLY HILLS COP II (15):** Eddie Murphy repeats his performance as the brazen Detroit cop on a job in Los Angeles. Tony *Scott directs. (103 min).*
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30, 11.00.
Cannon Bayswater (01-352 5096). *Progs 1.05, 3.20, 5.40, 8.15, 11.15.*
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35, 11.20.
☎ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). *Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30.*
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30.
☎ Plaza (01-437 1234). Progs 1.15, 2.30, 3.30, 4.45, 5.45, 7.00, 8.00, *9.15, 10.15.*

■ **FULL METAL JACKET (18):** Stanley Kubrick's meticulously filmed Vietnam drama, following Matthew Modine and other recruits from basic training to combat. *Platoon* may have taken the edge off some of the material, but Kubrick's clinical eye for human behaviour is still unbeatable (115 min).
☎ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.20.
☎ Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 1.05, 3.35, 6.05, 8.35.

■ **HOPE AND GLORY (15):** John Boorman's autobiographical account of an ordinary family living through the extraordinary days of the London blitz. Vivid, anecdotal; with Sebastian Rice-Edwards and Sammi Davis (113 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.30, 5.25, 8.05.

■ **THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS (PG):** Timothy Dalton follows in distinguished footsteps when he assumes the mantle of James Bond. A globe-trotting plot of East-West intrigue, embracing Gibraltar, Vienna, Tangier and Afghanistan. John Glen directs his fourth Bond film (130 min).
☎ Odeon High Street Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.15, 4.15, 8.00.

**A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET III: DREAM WARRIORS (18):** The latest edition to the gory adventures of demonic Freddy Krueger. With Heather Langenkamp, Patricia Arquette, Robert Englund; director, Chuck Russell. (96 min).
Leicester Square (01-930 5252). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.20, 8.50, 11.45.

**SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN *DWARFS (U):*** Walt Disney's first animated feature, 1937, looking better than ever (83 min).
☎ Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 1.45, 4.30, 7.15.

■ **THE RESCUERS (U):** 1977 Walt Disney animated feature - not, perhaps, among the best from the studio, but still way ahead of most contemporary animation.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 12.45, 2.45, 4.50, 6.50, 8.45.
☎ Odeon High Street Kensington (01-602 6644) Progs 12.50, 3.05, 5.20.





**The bad news is that the American composer George Russell has cancelled his Lewisham Festival concert tonight. The good news is that his place has been filled by Stan Tracey (above left) and Andy Sheppard (above right). Tracey is now firmly established as a jazz pianist of the first order. For once, he will be appearing in a solo setting, without his usual quartet. Trying to guess what he will play is never easy — Tracey himself admits that he often has no clear idea until he takes to the stage. Musically this has been one of his best-ever years, including the première of his *Generis* suite, a worthy successor to the mid-Sixties work, *Under Milk Wood.* There was also the release of his tribute to Duke Ellington, who was one of the prime influences on his keyboard style. Still to come is an album recorded earlier this month with the visiting American tenorist, Charlie Rouse. Sharing tonight's bill, Sheppard is an electrifying saxophonist whose band has reached new heights since the inclusion of Jazz Warriors percussionist Mamadi Kamara. Recently granted the accolade of an appearance on *Wogan,* Sheppard is very much the man of the moment, a sensitive player whose talents will outlast all the style pundits' chatter about his haircut. Albany Empire, Douglas Way, London SE8 (01-691 3333), 8pm, tickets £6.** *Clive Davis*

■ **THE UNTOUCHABLES (15):** Eliot Ness's gangbusters go after Al Capone in Brian De Palma's *entertaining drama, filled with* bullets, blood, and thoughtful dialogue by playwright David Mamet. With Kevin Costner, Sean Connery, Robert De Niro (120 min).
*Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149).* Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.00, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.35, 5.25, 8.25, 11.20.
☎ *Cannon Fulham Road (01-370* 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
☎ Empire Leicester Square (01-437 1234, cc 01-930 7615). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.15.

■ **WHO'S THAT GIRL (15):** Derivative, silly comedy, ensured a teenage audience by the presence of Madonna, cast as a petty thief just released from prison. Co starring Griffin Dunne. Directed by James Foley (92 min).
Warner West End (01-439 0791) Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.30, 8.35, 11.15.

■ **THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK (18):** Jack Nicholson's satanic stranger dominates this bumpy adaptation of John Updike's clever novel about the battle of the sexes. With Susan Sarandon, Cher, Michelle Pfeiffer. George Miller directs (118 min).
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279) Progs 2.20, 5.20, 8.15, 11.20.
☎ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636) Progs 2.15, 6.10, 9.15.
☎ Screen on the Green (01-226 3520) Progs 3.55, 6.30, 8.45, 11.15.

## GALLERIES

*THE EXPERIENCE OF* **LANDSCAPE:** 20th Century British landscape paintings from the Arts Council's Collection.
York City Art Gallery: Exhibition Square, York (0904 23839), Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 2.30-5pm, free, until Nov 8.

**FRANZ XAVER WINTERHALTER (1805-1873):** 19th Century royalty as depicted by their favourite portrait painter.
National Portrait Gallery, 2 St Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-930 1552), Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, £2, until Jan 10.

**306TH EXHIBITION OF WATERCOLOURS:** Works by members and guests of the Royal Society of Painters in Watercolour.
Bankside Gallery, 48 Hopton Street, London SE1 (01-928 7521), Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-6pm, £1, until Nov 26.

**MAGGI HAMBLING:** Showing the full range of this artist's work from portraits and landscapes to history and myth.
Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London W2 (01-499 4701), daily 10am-5pm, free, until Nov 22.

**ARTISTS LOOK AT CONTEMPORARY BRITAIN:** Ken Currie, R B Kitaj and Helen Chadwick are among ten artists who have examined aspects of social life in Britain. Plus: Diego Rivera.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 *(01-261 0127).* Mon-Wed 10am-8pm, Thurs-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun noon-6pm, £3, until Jan 10.

**TRICIA GILLMAN:** Decorative figure paintings by a young artist of growing reputation.
Benjamin Rhodes Gallery, 4 New Burlington Place, London W1 (01-434 1768), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 11am-1.30pm, free, until November 7.

## DANCE

☆ **PAQUITA:** Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet dances this virtuoso piece with two London premieres. Susan *Crow's Private City* and Derek Deane's *The Picture of Dorian Gray.*
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916) *7.30-10pm £3.50-£16.*

★ **SWAN LAKE:** Anthony Dowell's controversial production for the Royal Ballet.
*Royal Opera House, Covent* Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066) 7.30-10pm £1-£30.

☆ **VICTORIA MARKS:** London debut of American group.
The Place, Dukes Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031) 8-10pm £6.

☆ **EIKO AND KOMA:** Two fascinatingly individual Japanese dancers.
Chapter Arts Centre, Market Road, Canton, Cardiff (0222 396061) 8-9.30pm £5.

## OPERA

★ **COSI FAN TUTTE:** Glyndebourne Touring Opera offer the last chances to see Peter Hall's perceptive production, staged for their tour by Stephen Lawless.
Apollo Theatre: Oxford (0865-244544), 7-10.10pm, £8-£18.50

☆ **A NIGHT AT THE CHINESE OPERA:** Judith Weir's exciting new opera based on a 13th-century Yuan play and conducted by Andrew Parrott. Not to be missed.
Theatre Royal, Norwich (0603 628205), 7.15-10.15pm, £3.50-£10.

★ **THE PEARL FISHERS:** Anthony Michaels-Moore now takes over the role of Zurga in Philip Prowse's elegant production of Bizet's opera.
English National Opera, Colliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.15pm, £2-£21.50.

☆ **THE TROJANS AT CARTHAGE:** Tim Albery's superb staging for Opera North of the second part of Berlioz's epic.
Theatre Royal, Nottingham (0602 482626), *7.15-10.30pm, £3.50-£14.*

☆ **IL SERAGLIO:** Revival by Richard Jones of David Pountney's entertaining production of Mozart's *Turkish fantasy* for Scottish Opera.
Playhouse, Edinburgh (031-557 2590), 7.15-10.20pm, £3-£15.

## JAZZ

### LUNCHTIME

**MARTIN SPEAKE:** The Itchy Fingers player leads an off-duty quartet.
Festival Hall Foyer, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191), noon, free.

### EVENING

☆ **ARTURO SANDOVAL:** Cuban echoes of Dizzy Gillespie, with plenty of high notes and showmanship.
Lewisham Theatre, Rushey Green, London SE6 *(01-690 3431), 8pm,* £5.50-£6.50

☆ **IRAKERE:** Chucho Valdes's percussion-based ensemble has been in fine form.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (£2 for members).

☆ **JULIAN ARGUELLES/SIMON PURCELL:** Highly promising saxophone/piano pairing.
The Cannonball, Adderley Street, Birmingham (021 772 1403), 8pm, £2.50.

## ROCK

☆ **THE TRIFFIDS:** That most delicate of Australian art-rock bands, whose *Born Sandy Devotional* album has become something of a minor classic.
*Town & Country,* 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-267 3334) 7.30pm, £5.

☆ **BAD NEWS/HEAD:** The Young Ones comedy troup in their *Spinal Tap* guise, ably supported by the loutish rockers from Bristol.
Poole Arts Centre, Kingland Road (0202 685222) 7pm, £5.50.

☆ **TOWNES VAN ZANDT:** The "legendary" Texan singer/songwriter from the Seventies, whose songs have been recorded by, among others, Emmylou Harris and Bobby Bare.
Venue, 15 Calton Road, Edinburgh (031 557 3073) 8.30pm, £2.50.

☆ **DAVID ESSEX:** The old swashbuckler rocks on to the 39th night of a 50-date tour, with his "Lamplight" and his "Stardust" and his "Silver Dream Machine".
Liverpool Empire, Lime Street (051 709 1555) 7.15pm, £6.50-£8.50.

## CONCERTS

### LUNCHTIME

**JOANNA FRASER:** Plays White's *Runaway Rocking-Horse,* Bach's G minor Fantasia and Fugue, Holzman's *Blaze Away;* the Vivaldi-Bach A minor Concerto, Wesley's *Holsworthy Church Bells* and a Toccata by Mushel.
St Stephen Walbrook, Cannon Street, London EC4 (01-283 4444), 12.30-1.30pm. free.

### EVENING

☆ **BEETHOVEN CONTINUES:** Edith Fischer continues her complete piano sonata cycle with Beethoven's Opp 10 No 2, 14 No 1, 26, 31 no 1 and 110.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

☆ **GERMAN FLUTING:** Stephen Preston performs flute sonatas by C.P.E. Bach, Muthel, Benda, Kimberger, Quantz. Lars Ulrick *Mortensen is at the harpsichord.*
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-953 2141), 7.30pm, £4-£6.

☆ **SNO SILHOUETTED:** Neeme Järvi conducts the Scottish National Orchestra in Arensky's little-heard *Silhouettes,* Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4 *(Craig Sheppard, soloist)* and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade.*
Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031 228 1155, cc 228 5756), 7.30pm, £2.50-£9.90.

☆ **MENDELSSOHN:** The "Mendelssohn and Twentieth Century Hungary" series continues with Ani Schnarch playing the Sonata for solo violin Op 27 No 4 and Paganini Variations by Ysaye (a Belgian). She is joined by Piers Lane (piano) for Bartók's Sonata No 1 and Rhapsody No 2.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London, SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 928 8800), 7.30pm, £2.50, £4.

★ **NETTLEFOLD FESTIVAL:** The Metanoia ensemble with Impett's *Cassation, Gehlhaar's Origo,* Abarez's *Tarrazud,* Woolrich's *Night Machine,* the UK première of Truax's *Nightwatch* and the world première of Emmerson's *Reflections,* a Festival commission
Nettlefold Hall, Norwood High Street, London SE27 (01-822 6655, ext 355). 7.30pm, £3.50.

☆ **BOURGEOIS DIVERSIONS:** The Irish Youth Wind Ensemble undertakes Bourgeois's *Diversions;* Chobanian's Armenian Dances, Martin's *Rain Dance,* Maconchy's Music for Wind and Brass and *Finnegan's Wake* - by Potter, not Joyce.
Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road, Manchester (061 273 4504), 7.30pm, £2.50.

## TALKS

**ARE YOU LISTENING RABBI LOW?:** J P Donleavy talks about his latest novel.
ICA, The Mall, London, SW1 (01-930 3647), 1pm, £1.50.

**THE TEACHINGS OF PARAMAHANSA YOGANANDA:** Lecture on the science of yoga
The Library, Westminster City Hall, London. (Information: 01-609 8070), 7.30pm, free.

## WALKS

**BECKET & THE CANTERBURY TALES:** meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £3.

**FAGIN'S FRIENDS:** meet Museum of London, 2.30pm, £3.

**GHOST WALK:** meet Covent Garden tube, 7.30pm, £2.50.

**INNS OF COURT & OLD BAILEY:** meet Temple tube, *10.30am, £2.50.*

## OTHER EVENTS

**NOISY DEBATE:** "Aircraft Noise Pollutes the Environment — No Expansion of Flights at Heathrow." Speakers include the chairman of Heathrow Association for the Control of Noise and officials from British Airways.
York House, Twickenham, Middlesex, 8pm. Free.

**NATURE ACTIVITIES:** Games including tree-hugging for children to bring them into close contact with their natural surroundings, 10.30am. Also video — *The Tale of Johnny Townmouse,* 3pm.
Visitors' Centre, Lake District National Park, Brockhole, Windermere, Cumbria (096 62 6601). £1.20, child 5-17 60p, under-fives free.

**SALES:** Atlases, maps, cartographical curiosities, travel *books, including rare first editions.* Christie's, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (01-581 7611). 10.30am and 2pm.

**HOBBIES SHOW:** Bee-keeping, flower arranging, photography, stones and fossils, miniature glass.
Windmill Theatre, Littlehampton, West Sussex (0903 724929), today *10.30am-8.30pm, tomorrow* 10.30am-5.30pm. 25p.

**BOOKSELLERS FAIR:** Antiquarian and secondhand books, maps, prints, and ephemera.
The Guildhall, Cambridge, today noon-8pm, tomorrow 10am-5pm, 30p.

**PLAYBOARD PUPPETS:** For three-to-nine-year-olds — *Button Moon — Tina's Surprise.*
Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk (0284 69505). Today, *tomorrow, 11am and 2.30pm.* £2.50-£3.

## BOOKINGS

### FIRST CHANCE

**LONDON FILM FESTIVAL:** Celebrities attending include Federico Fellini (see caption) and Jean-Luc Godard. Nov 11-29.
National Film Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01 928 3232). Priority booking open. General booking from Nov 5

**CHA! CHA! CHA!:** Lynda Agard; Mudra Dance Theatre; Action Syndicate; Verity Blackman with her company Suzuus; Bahaar Dance Company; *Night Rhythm* by Karen and Ashley Gallaghan. Dec 4.
Chisenhale Dance Space, 64-8 Chisenhale Road, Bow, London E3 (01 981 6617).

**BATTLESHIP POTEMKIN:** Eisenstein's 1925 film, *accompanied by the Brabant* Orchestra playing Meisel's original score. Part of London Film Festival. Nov 21.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191) Returns only.

### LAST CHANCE

**FOUNTAINS FLOODLIT:** Last two guided tours of the abbey, to accompaniment of choir singing. Tonight and tomorrow.
*Fountains Abbey, near* Ripon, North Yorkshire (0765 86333), £1.70, child 80p.

**ILLUSTRATORS:** Heath Robinson, Bateman, Searle and Rackham included in a survey since 1800.
Chris Beetles Ltd, 10 Ryder Street, London SW1 (01-839 7551). Ends tomorrow.



**Federico Fellini (above) will be giving a lecture about his career to date on November 18 at NFT1, as part of this year's London Film Festival (see listing). In the wake of the popular re-issue of *La Dolce Vita,* the Barbican's retrospective and the success of his last release, *Ginger and Fred,* tickets are already hard to come by. Disappointed applicants can console themselves with the arrival in London, next January, of his newest film, *Fellini Interview.***

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Penny Osborn; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

# ENTERTAINMENTS

## CONCERTS

**BARBICAN HALL** 638 8891/628 8795 Tom't 7.45 BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL Royal Philharmonic Orchestra Sir Charles Groves (cond).

## OPERA & BALLET

**COLISEUM** S 836 3161 CC 240 5258. ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Tom't 7.30 The Pearl Fishers. Tomor 2.30 & 7.30 Pacific Overtures.

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**6.00 Ceefax AM.** News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.
**6.35 Edgar Kennedy** in Clean Sweep (b/w). **6.55 Weather.**
**7.00 Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; and weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25. 8.55** Regional news and weather.
**9.00** News and weather followed by **Neighbours** (r).
**9.20 World Cup Cricket** continued from BBC2. Further live coverage of the game in Poona between Sri Lanka and England. The commentators are Tony Lewis, Ray Illingworth and Jack Bannister. Includes news and weather at **10.00** and, after the close of play, **Play School** presented by Carol Chell with guest, Simon Davies (r).
**12.00** News and weather followed by **Daytime Live** presented by Pamela Armstrong, Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers. The guests include Patrick Moore and there is music to celebrate National Jazz Month and a preview of *Zooweek*'s last visit of the week to London Zoo. **12.55** Regional news and weather.
**1.00 One O'Clock News** with Michael Buerk. Weather. **1.30 Neighbours.** Helen is surprised by Lewis Fleming's unexpected visit.
**1.50 Film: Susan Slept Here** (1954) starring Debbie Reynolds and Dick Powell. Romantic comedy about a teenage juvenile delinquent who is delivered to a comedy film scriptwriter on Christmas Eve for use as research material. Directed by Frank Tashlin.
**3.25 Ask Margo.** Margo MacDonald with news and advice on welfare rights, employment, housing and legal issues **3.40 Lifeline.** Charity news (r).
**3.50 Comera.** Young people's questions answered **4.10 SuperTed** (r). **4.15 What's All This Then?** The guests include Maxi Priest and Terence Trent D'Arby.
**4.55 Newsround 5.10 Grange Hill.** Episode 10 (r). (Ceefax)
**5.35 Masterteam 87.** Quiz game for teams.
**6.00 Six O'Clock News** and weather **6.35 London Plus.**
**7.00 Wogan.** On tonight's guest list are Lord Lew Grade, Paul Daniels and, singing an Edith Piaf number, Lesley Mackie.
**7.40 Blankety Blank.** Joining Les Dawson are Geoff Capes, Norman Collier, Bella Emberg, Rula Lenska, Dinah Sheridan and Dennis Waterman. (Ceefax)
**8.15 Twenty-One Years of the Two Ronnies.** Highlights chosen by Messrs Barker and Corbett from their fruitful comic partnership including episode seven of the Charley Farley/Piggy Malone detective story. (Ceefax)
**9.00 Nine O'Clock News** with Martyn Lewis and Debbie Thrower. Regional news and weather.
**9.30 Pulaski.** Episode five of the eight-part serial and Larry, Kate, Paula and Hilary are at the Cannes Film Festival to promote the feature film from the television series. Starring David Andrews. (Ceefax)
**10.20 Omnibus: Arthur Miller.** (see Choice).
**11.35 Film: The Cat and the Canary** (1978) starring Honor Blackman, Michael Callan and Edward Fox. The family gathers for the reading of Cyrus West's will. When it is learnt that the beautiful Anabelle West is sole heir a night of terror begins with an insane murderer on the prowl around the family mansion. Directed by Radley Metzger.
**1.10 Weather.**

## BBC2

**6.00 World Cup Cricket.** England v Sri Lanka in Poona. (continues on BBC1) **9.20** Interval.
**9.30 Daytime on Two:** the 1987 general election in a Scottish constituency **9.52** Part five of a ghost story **10.15** Making a television programme **10.38** Coastline erosion **11.00** Storytime **11.18** Wondermaths **11.35** Bread **12.00** Arthur Miller interview **12.35** A group of five girl friends **1.05** The beginning of the school year in Austria **1.20** For the very young **1.38** Walrus **2.00 News** and weather followed by You and Me.
**2.15 Sport on Friday** includes **Cricket:** highlights of England's game with Sri Lanka; **Squash:** the semifinals of the 24 world team tournament; **Boxing:** action from the Barrett/Duff promotion at Wembley. Includes news and weather at 3.00 and 3.50.
**4.00 Zooweek.** The last of the week's four live visits to London Zoo **4.35 Wildlife on Two:** the **Passing of the Buck.** India's blackbucks (r). (Ceefax)
**5.00 Glynn Christian's New Zealand.** Part four.
**5.30 Film: Tarzan and the Leopard Woman** (1946, b/w) starring Johnny Weissmuller. The jungle hero tracks down the murderous Leopard men. Directed by Kurt Neumann.
**6.40 World Cup Cricket.** Highlights of England's game with Sri Lanka
**7.20 The Education Programme.** The Oxford Union's debate on the motion "the Government's proposed education reforms will be unworkable and socially divisive".
**8.00 The Friday Report: Teaching Thinking.** Will heads be able to combine accountancy with teaching?
**8.30 Out of Court.** How the Court of Criminal Appeal works.
**9.00 The Duty Men.** The work of Customs and Excise officers. (Ceefax)
**10.45 Newsnight 11.30 Weather.**
**11.35 Film: World for Ransom** (1953, b/w) starring Dan Duryea and Gene Lockhart. Thriller about the plot to kidnap a top nuclear scientist. Directed by Robert Aldrich. Ends at **1.00.**

## ITV/LONDON

**6.00 TV-am** introduced by Kay Burley and Mike Morris. Includes news at **6.00** and **6.30**; weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; financial news at **6.35**; and exercises at **6.55.**
**7.00 Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; and pop music at **7.55.** Plus. Jimmy Greaves's television highlights.
**9.00 Wacaday** for the young introduced by Timmy Mallett.
**9.25 Thames news** headlines.
**9.30 Runway.** Travel quiz game presented by Chris Serle. **10.00 Santa Barbara 10.25 News** headlines **10.30 The Time. . .The Place. . .** Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject.
**11.10 Rainbow.** Learning about wool with the aid of puppets and guest, Jo Rowbottom (r). **11.25 Thames news** headlines **11.30 At the Works.** The first of a new series about local history. With Margaret Tyzack. **12.00 Jimmy's.** Another visit to St James's University Hospital, Leeds.
**12.30 News** with Julia Somerville **12.50 Thames news.**
**1.00 A Single Light.** The story of a young woman who substitutes a religious statue for the baby she lost and then discovers that it is a rare art treasure.
**2.00 Ice Skating.** The St Ivel Junior Championships from Lee Valley Ice Centre, London. The commentator is Simon Reed.
**3.00 Take the High Road.** Predictably, Mrs Mack forecasts that the fete will be a disaster. **3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 Sons and Daughters.** Australian family drama serial.
**4.00 Cockleshell Bay.** Puppet adventures of the Cockle twins (r). **4.10 The Adventures of Tintin. 4.20 Scooby Doo 4.45 Splash.** Thirteen-year-old Harriet Raybould and her band make a pop video; and a visit to a new drive-through restaurant.
**5.15 Blockbusters.** General knowledge quiz game for teenagers.
**5.45 News** with Fiona Armstrong.
**6.00 The 6 O'Clock Show** presented by Michael Aspel.
**7.00 New Faces of '87.** Talent show presented by Marti Caine. The non-voting judges are John Millar, Faith Brown and Bernie Winters.
**8.00 The Bretts.** Serial about a theatrical family living in London during the 1920s. Starring Norman Rodway and Barbara Murray. (Oracle)
**9.00 Dempsey and Makepeace.** Dempsey is framed for a robbery and goes on the run after being placed on the wanted list of people in high places. Starring Michael Brandon and Glynis Barber (r). (Oracle)
**10.00 News at Ten** with Alastair Burnett and Alastair Stewart. Weather followed by LWT **News** headlines.
**10.30 The London Programme** investigates claims that the privatization of Thames Water could threaten the safety of the water supply.
**11.00 The Good Life Guide.** Finding the perfect partner in order to establish a successful lifestyle. Presented by Jenni Barnett.
**11.30 World Championship Boxing.** The WBC Middleweight fight between Thomas Hearns and Juan Roldan.
**12.00 Go for Goal.** Indoor sports competition between teams representing leisure centres.
**1.00 Night Network** includes a Garry Glitter chat show.
**4.00 Route 66** (b/w). The children of a wealthy Oregon crop grower seem determined to besmirch the family name. Starring Martin Milner, George Maharis and E.G.Marshall (r).
**4.55 Baseball '87.** San Francisco Giants v St Louis Cardinals. Ends at **6.00.**

## CHANNEL 4

**9.30 Schools.**
**12.00 Business Daily.** Business and financial news service.
**12.30 Start Here.** Basic principles of physics (r).
**1.00 On Course.** Magazine programme for Open College trainers.
**2.00 Their Lordships' House** (r).
**2.15 Heritage: Civilization and the Jews.** Part two (r).
**3.15 Second Glance: Hands.** (r).
**3.30 A Time to Remember** (b/w). The 1920s as seen by a typical teenager of the time. Narrated by Joyce Grenfell (r).
**4.00 Mavis on 4.** Mavis Nicholson presents a review of the month's news with journalists from the left and the right – James Naughtie and Edward Pearce.
**4.30 Countdown.**
**5.00 Mister Ed** (b/w). Vintage American comedy series.
**5.30 The Chart Show.** Part one. (continues at 6.30)
**6.00 Revid.** A review of the latest film releases on video.
**6.15 Famous for 15 Minutes.** Bob Smeaton and the Loud Guitars make their television debut.
**6.30 The Chart Show.** Part two.
**7.00 Channel 4 News** with Nicholas Owen and Ann Perkins. **Weather.**
**7.50 Book Choice.** George Melly reviews James Lincoln Collier's biography of Duke Ellington. (Oracle)
**8.00 What the Papers Say** with Francis Wheen.
**8.15 Dispatches.** The first of a new series of topical documentaries.
**9.00 Tandoori Nights.** Comedy series about two rival Indian restaurants.
**9.30 A Houseful of Plants.** Indoor horticulture series. (Oracle)
**10.00 The Golden Girls.** Award-winning comedy series. (Oracle).
**10.30 The Last Resort With Jonathan Ross.** The guests include Derek Jarman, Ben Elton, Stephanie Beacham and, back by special request, regurgitating expert, Stevie Starr.
**11.20 Kill or Cure?** The scientific validity of animal experiments.
**12.05 The Best of Paul Hogan.**
**12.35 Film: Suburbia** (1983) A drama about a group of runaway teenagers living together in an abandoned house in Los Angeles. Directed by Penelope Spheeris. Ends at **2.20.**

# An update on celebrity

**TELEVISION CHOICE**



**The playwright Arthur Miller is interviewed by Alan Yentob in tonight's edition of Omnibus: BBC1, 10.20pm**

● Arthur Miller's CV reads like something Norman Mailer might have invented for one of his characters – first generation immigrant; family coshed by the 1929 Crash which provided the inspiration for the play which made him famous and took him to Hollywood where he battled the anti-Communists and married the most famous actress in the world whom even he couldn't save. In fact, Miller's biography is perhaps the one Mailer most covets for himself because, as both Mailer and Miller well know, being a writer in the United States is ultimately about celebrity, and, through marriage to Marilyn Monroe, Miller moved into the different league of the doubly famous. Now, 30 years later, Miller has learnt to live with this. "A writer's no different in the public eye than somebody who does tap dancing, or whatever amuses the public. We are not regarded as philosophers or moralists", he says. Omnibus (BBC1, 10.20pm), which takes the form of an extended interview filmed at Miller's Connecticut farm, dallies over the question of fame (Miller's stature as a writer is taken for granted) and still leaves plenty of time to reveal that his position on most things is well thought out. He talks engagingly about the decades which affected him most, the Thirties ("a time of exaggerated optimism, in itself a desperate solution"), and the Fifties, whose turbulence he summarized in *After The Fall* ("an attempt to arrive at a real relationship with self-destruction"). Although a moralist and someone who broods about the state of the world – he admits to fatalism – Miller is also a practical man who tells a good story and, when out of ideas, does carpentry.

**Chris Petit**

## Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see below) **5.30am** Nicky Campbell. **7.00** Mike Smith. **9.30** Simon Bates. **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge). **12.45** Gary Davies. **3.00** Steve Wright. **5.30** Newsbeat. **5.45** Singled Out (Mike Read and guests). **7.00** Jeff Young's Dance Music Show. **9.00** You'll Never Be 16 Again (story of the British teenager). **10.00-12.00** Friday Rock Show (with Tommy Vance). **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2- **4.00am** As Radio 2. **10.00** As Radio 1. **12.00-4.00** As Radio 2.

## Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1). News on the hour Sports Roundup **8.50** am **4.00** am Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** pm David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Thanks for the Memory **7.30** Robin Ray Presents Sound Stage International **8.45** Kenneth Lewis at the piano **9.00** The Organist Entertains **10.00** Brooks Aehron's Serenade **10.30** The Press Gang **11.00** Nightcap **1.00** am Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Light Music.

## WORLD SERVICE

All times are in GMT
6.00 am Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 News 7.09 24 Hours 7.30 Write On 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 This Musical World 8.30 Music Now 9.00 News 9.09 Review of British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup 9.45 Man of Property 10.00 News 10.01 Best of British 10.15 Merchant Navy Programme 10.30 Jass For The Asking 11.00 News 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 pm Business Matters 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 24 Hours 1.30 John Peel 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Nature Notebook 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Pillars of Islam 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Science In Action 4.45 World Today 5.00 News 5.15 English by Radio 5.45 Londres Soir 6.30 Heure Actuel 6.00 News 6.09 Twenty-Four Hours 6.30 Science in Action 9.00 News 9.01 Network UK 9.15 Business Matters 9.45 Battle of Pollock's Crossing 10.00 News 10.09 World Today 10.25 Letter From Northern Ireland 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 From The Weeklies 11.30 Multitrack 3 12.00 World News 12.09 am News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Personal View 12.45 Recording of Week 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Best of British 1.45 Nature Notebook 2.00 News 2.09 Review of British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 People and Politics 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 World Today 3.30 Business Matters 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Six Four Eight 4.35 Financial News 4.45 Morganmagazin 5.45 World Today

## Radio 3

**3.30 am:** World Cup Cricket. England v Sri Lanka; Pakistan v West Indies; Australia v Zimbabwe. Until **11.20am.** On VHF and MW, but on MW only from **6.55am**
**6.55** Weather **7.00** News
**7.05** Morning Concert: Weber (Symphony No 1: New Philharmonia under Wilfried Boettcher), Michael Haydn (Concertino in D for horn and orchestra: Dale Clevenger, with Franz Liszt CO under Rolla), Rachmaninov (Youth Symphony: Concertgebouw under Ashkenazy)
**8.00** News bulletin
**8.05** Concert (contd): Barber (Summer music: Westwood Wind Quintet), Jean Francaix (Concertino for piano and orchestra: Claude Francaix, with LSO under Dorati), Hummel (Septet in D minor Op 74: Melos Ensemble)
**9.00** World Service News
**9.10** This Week's Composer: Brahms. Chorale Preludes Op 122, No 8 and No 9 (Nicholas Danby, organ), Sonata in F minor, Op 120 No 1 (Gervase de Peyer, clarinet; with Barenboim, piano), Four Serious Songs, Op 121 (Fischer-Dieskau, baritone; with Gerald Moore, piano)
**10.00** Mendelssohn Cello Music: Raphael Sommer (cello), with Daniel Adni (piano). Song without Words, Op 109; Sonata No 2
**10.35** Late Baroque Concertos: English Concert play Vivaldi's Concerto in C, RV 558; Musica Antiqua, Cologne, play Buffardin's Concerto a 5 in E minor; English Concert play Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 1
**11.20** Zemlinsky and Szymanowski: Tracey Chadwell (soprano), Pamela Lidiard (piano). Zemlinsky (Six Songs Op 13), Szymanowski (Bunte Lieder Op 22)
**11.50** Medici String Quartet: Smetana (Quartet No 2)
**12.10** BBC Welsh SO, under James Loughran. With Gyorgy Pauk (violin). Part one.Beethoven (Violin Concerto) **1.00** News
**1.05** Concert (part two): Elgar (Symphony No 1)
**2.05** The Seeds of Hatred: final documentary in the series about the Boer War. The narrator: Garrard Green
**2.30** University of Wales Recital: Gyorgy Pauk (violin), Perter Frankl (piano). Mozart (Sonata in D, K 306), Janacek (Sonata), Strauss (Sonata in E flat major, Op 18)



**Helen Lessore: interview on Radio 3, at 7.00pm**

**4.00** Choral Evensong: from the Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge. Organ voluntary is Buxtehude's Prelude and Fugue in E minor
**5.00** World Service News
**5.10** Mainly for Pleasure: recorded music selection, presented by Roger Nichols **6.55** News
**7.00** Helen Lessore: 80th birthday interview with the artist and director of the former Beaux Arts Gallery. The interviewer: Jonathan Miller
**7.30** Piano recital: part one. Gordon Fergus-Thompson plays Franck's Prelude, aria and finale; and Ravel's Miroirs
**8.20** Poetry Now: John Mole introduces readings by poets including Patricia Beer, Roy Fuller, Bernard O'Donoghue, and Martin Stokes
**9.10** The Golden Ass: Peter Mackie's adaptation of the book by Lucius Apuleius. Starring Richard Griffiths as Lucius. Cast also includes Claire Faulconbridge, Gillian Goodman, Terry Molloy, and Avril Clark (see Choice)
**11.10** The Wasps: The LPO under Vernon Handley perform excerpts from Vaughan Williams's music for the play by Aristophanes
**11.30** Francois Couperin: the court organist's sacred music written for Louis XIV – Victoria Christo resurgemi; Jucunda vox; Magnificat. Performed by singers Jill Feldman, Isabelle Poulenard and Gregory Reinhart. With Jaap Ter Linden (gamba), and Davitt Moroney (organ)
**11.57** News **12.00** Closedown



**Paul Hogan: comedy show on Channel 4, 12.05am**

**BBC1 WALES 3.40pm-3.55** Lifeline. **5.35-6.00** Wales Today. **6.35-7.00** Sportsdesk. **1.10am-1.15** News and weather. **SCOTLAND 3.40pm-3.50** Lifeline. **10.20-11.10** Scottish Question Time. **11.10-12.25am** Omnibus. **12.25-12.30** Weather. **NORTHERN IRELAND 3.40pm-3.50** Lifeline Northern Ireland. **5.35-5.40** Today's Sport. **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster. **6.35-7.00** Masterteam. **1.10am-1.15** News and weather. **ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines.

**BBC2 WALES 6.30am-8.55** Masterteam. **2.15pm-2.25** Interval. **2.25-4.00** Plaid Cymru Conference 87. **5.00-6.30** Public Account. **NORTHERN IRELAND 10.15am-10.38** Ceefax. **5.00pm-5.30** Only Fools And Horses. **ENGLAND 5.00pm-5.30 East:** Insight. **Midlands:** Inside Story. **North:** Talking From Experience. **North-east:** The White Helmets. **North-west:** Top Town. **South:** South On Two. All The Warrior's Men. **South-west:** Natural Concern: Mother Earth. **West:** West On Two: All Change At Avon For The Metro.

**ANGLIA As London except:12.50pm** News **1.00-3.00** Film: The Wind Cannot Read **6.00-7.00** About Anglia **10.30** Cross Question **11.10-11.30** Twilight Zone **12.00-1.00am** The Forum Presents.

## VARIATIONS

**BORDER As London except:12.50pm** News **1.00** Gardening Time **1.30** Film: Nobody Runs For Ever **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00** Lookaround **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.30** Boxing (Hearns v Roldan) **11.00** Film: Halloween (Donald Pleasence) **12.40am** Closedown.

**CENTRAL As London except:12.50pm** News **1.00-3.00** Film: Prize of Arms" **6.00-7.00** News **10.35** Central Weekend **12.00** Boxing (Hearns v Roldan) **12.30am** Sidney Sheldon's Rage of Angels **2.15** The Roxy **2.45** America's Top 10 **3.15** Adventure Bound **4.15** News, Jobfinder.

**CHANNEL As London except:12.50pm** News **1.00** Reilly – Ace of Spies **2.00** Blacke's Magic **3.00** That's My Dog **3.25** Puffin's Plaffoe **2.30-4.00** Take The High Road **6.00** Channel Report **6.30-7.00** Country Ways **10.30** Facing South **11.00** Boxing (Hearns v Roldan) **11.30** Foreign Exchange **12.50am-1.00** Bloopers **4.00** Company, Closedown.

**GRANADA As London except:12.50pm** Granada Reports **1.00** Film: The Beachcomber" **2.30-3.00** Week in View **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** Flying Start **10.30** Celebration **11.00** Boxing (Hearns v Roldan) **11.30** The Detectives **1.30am** I Spy **2.30** Meltdown **2.55** Closedown.

**HTV WEST As London except:12.50pm** News **1.00** Film: Bs My Guest" **2.30-3.00** Who's The Boss? **6.00-7.00** News **10.30** Your Say **10.45** Flashback for the Fans (Terry Cooper) **11.15** Boxing (Hearns v Roldan) **11.45** Hunter **12.45am** Closedown.

**HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00pm-7.00** Wales At Six **10.30** Story and the Song **11.00** Boxing (Hearns v Roldan) **11.30-12.30am** Hunter.

**TSW As London except:12.50pm** News **1.00** Film: Saturday Night Fever **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-7.00** Friday Show **10.32** Boxing (Hearns v Roldan) **11.00** Film: Black Windmill **1.00am** Postscript, Closedown.

**TVS As London except:12.50pm** News **1.00** Reilly – Ace of Spies **2.00** Blacke's Magic **3.00** That's My Dog **3.30-4.00** Take The High Road **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** Country Ways **10.30** Facing South **11.00** Boxing (Hearns v Roldan) **11.30** Film: Foreign Exchange **12.50am** Bloopers **4.00** Company, Closedown.

**TYNE TEES As London except:12.50pm** News **1.00** Guinness Book of Records **1.45** Billboard **2.00-3.00** Ice Skating **6.00** Northern Life **6.30-7.00** Extra Time **10.32** Nightline **11.00** Boxing (Hearns v Roldan) **12.00** Film: Black Cannon **1.15am** Closedown.

**ULSTER As London except:12.50pm** Newstime **1.00-3.00** Film: Boy on a Dolphin" **6.00** Six Tonight **6.15-7.00** Six Tonight Extra **10.30** Witness **10.35-11.00** Kelly's People on Tour ... **12.00** Mary **12.25am** Newstime, Closedown.

**YORKSHIRE As London except:12.50pm** News **1.00-3.00** Film: Pleasure of his Company" **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** ALF **10.30** Boxing (Hearns v Roldan) **11.00** Film: The Lawyer **1.15am** Film: The Mechanic **3.00** Jobfinder **4.00** Close

**S4C Starts:9.30am** Schools **12.00** Cymhadledd '87 **1.00pm** Open College **2.00** World of Animation **2.15** Baseball **3.00** Cymhadledd '87 **4.00** Brwsion **4.15** Smyrfs **4.45** Cartoon **5.00** Chips' Comic **5.30** Chart Show **6.00** Revid **6.15** Famous for Fifteen Minutes **6.30** Chart Show **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Whilmentan **8.00** Caryl Ac Eirian **8.30** Carreg Ateb **8.55** Y Byd Ar Bedwar **10.00** A Fine Romance **10.30** Last Resort **11.20** Kill Or Cure Specials **12.05am** Best of Paul Hogan **12.30** Film: Suburbia

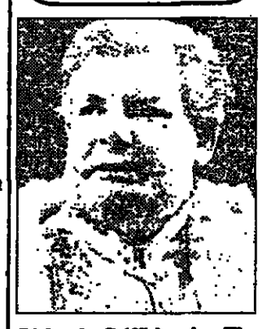
## Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
**5.55** Shipping Forecast
**6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s)
**6.30** Today incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather
**7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.50** Your Letters **8.57** Weather; Travel
**9.00** News
**9.05** Desert Island Discs: Michael Parkinson's guest is Bernard Levin who selects some of his favourite recordings (r) (s)
**9.45** Feedback: Christopher Dunkley follows up your comments about BBC programmes and policies
**10.00** News; International Assignment.
**10.30** Morning Story: The Leaving, by Ferdinand Dennis. The reader is John Westbrook
**10.45** Daily Service (New Every Morning, page 9) (s)
**11.00** Analysis: Gandhi's Time of Trial. A review of Rajiv Gandhi's two years in office as Indian Prime Minister. The presenter is John Keay (r)
**11.47** Treasure Islands: Novelist and children's writer Penelope Lively enters the world of children's books, where Roald Dahl, Jill Murphy, Naomi Lewis and Leon Garfield talk about books with a supernatural tinge
**12.00** News; You and Yours with John Howard
**12.25** The Food Programme: Derek Cooper presents his weekly defence of pure food at a fair price **12.55** Weather
**1.00** The World At One
**1.40** The Archers **1.55** Shipping
**2.00** News; Woman's Hour: introduced from Reykjavik, Iceland. Includes an interview with the President, Vigdis Finnbogodottir. Also, some facts about Icelandic food, including sheeps' heads
**3.00** News; Mr Beluncle (new series) Three-part dramatization of V.S. Pritchett's novel with Freddie Jones and Rosemary Leach (1) (s)
**4.00** News
**4.05** On The Cut: Arthur Wood presents a six-part series recalling life and work on the English canal system. (4) Horse Power
**4.30** Kaleidoscope: another chance to hear last night's edition, which included items on the Booker Prize winner, and the film Aria (r)
**5.00** PM. **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
**6.00** News, incl Financial Report
**6.30** Going Places: Clive Jacobs and his team find out about the new London City Airport
**7.00** News
**7.05** The Archers
**7.20** Pick of the Week: Margaret Howard presents highlights from the past week's television and radio programmes
**8.20** Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby with Tony Benn MP, Dafydd Elis Thomas MP, Teresa Gorman MP and Bishop Hugh Montefiore, who answer questions from an audience in Penrhiwceiber, Mid-Glamorgan
**9.05** Law in Action: John Eidinow presents the topical programme about issues thrown up by the courts and by Parliament
**9.30** Letter From America, by Alistair Cooke
**9.45** Kaleidoscope: Paul Allen reports on the work of Ken Currie who has completed a series of murals based on Scottish working-class history for the People's Palace in Glasgow
**10.15** A Book At Bedtime: Tarka the Otter, by Henry Williamson (final part). The reader is David Davis **10.29** Weather
**10.30** The World Tonight: presented by Richard Kershaw
**11.15** The Financial World Tonight
**11.30** Week Ending: Satirical view of the week's news, with Bill Wallis, David Tate, Sally Grace and Jon Glover.
**12.00** News; Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

**VHF** as above except **11.00am-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Earth Search **11.20** Playtime **11.35** Music Workshop **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Let's Join in with Soundbox **2.25** The Song Tree **2.40** Country Dancing Stage 3 **5.50-5.55** PM (continued **12.30-1.10 am** Schools Night-Time. Geography: Our Changing World. **12.30** China and World Trade **12.50** Tourism

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**RADIO CHOICE**



**Richard Griffiths in The Golden Ass, R3, 9.10pm**

● Some (though understandably not all) of the naughty bits of Lucius Apuleius's **The Golden Ass** which, in my schooldays, made it the kind of prohibited volume furtively passed under the desks from boy to boy when teacher wasn't looking, survive in Peter Mackie's adaptation (Radio 3, 9.10pm). Gone entirely from this cautionary tale of a curious man who makes an ass of himself, is the long episode about Cupid and Psyche. So, for this one, it's back to the Robert Graves translation which will probably never be bettered. Mackie's version is not offensively anachronistic, and only once is it guilty of playing to the gallery when it calls for his pathetic storyteller (Richard Griffiths, in a marathon performance that occasionally hints at signs of strain) to address us as "listener". Encountering *The Golden Ass* again after years of neglect, I was surprised not so much at how salacious or hilarious it is but, in the many passages that deal with the degradation and commercial exploitation of the man-ass, how cruel it is. In admiring his gift for racy narrative, I had quite forgotten what a pioneer campaigner for animal rights Lucius Apuleius was.

**Peter Davalle**


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# Eleven feared dead on Everest

From Mary Dejevsky
Peking

At least 11 Tibetans are believed to have been killed on the slopes of Mount Everest following a series of violent storms which also left several hundred Western tourists stranded for days.

Most of the tourists, which included an Irish climbing party and a group of American tourists, have now been rescued.

But more than one hundred climbers were yesterday reported stranded at the Everest base camp at Xigar near the Rongbuk monastery. Their plight became known when a group of 20, including a woman from Cardiff and 14 Irishmen, arrived in the Tibetan capital, Lhasa, after a four-day journey which involved walking across snowfields in a blizzard.

Ms Sarah Gillam, aged 33, who is a journalist, was with a group of Irish climbers who had been trapped at the advance base camp, 17-18,000 ft above sea level.

She told the BBC Peking correspondent over the telephone from Lhasa that one of

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the sherpas, a cook with a group led by the mountaineer, Doug Scott, had died when he was caught in an avalanche.

Doug Scott's son, Mike, was one of those who walked to Lhasa, as was another Briton, Sandy Allan. Mike Scott said that he expected his father to be out any day.

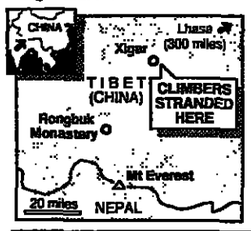
She said there was a large group of Japanese climbers in the area, and a US expedition preparing an assault on the North Face. Her advice was: "Get out now, that's the main thing."

She said that food and fuel had been running short, and that food at base camp was being traded. But, she said, there was enough to go around because most had over-budgeted.

The Chinese authorities were unaware of the situation until Ms Gillam and her group arrived at Xigaze, half way between base camp and Lhasa. The Chinese Mountaineering Association then sent trucks up as far as they could. A spokesman said the advance camp where the climbers were stranded was "too high for helicopters. It will have to be yaks".

The other main group was stranded by blizzards on the road between Lhasa and Kathmandu through the Tangla pass.

An American art history student from St Andrew's University in Scotland, Miss Susan Johnson, who was organizing a bus group that became stranded in the pass described her experience as a "nightmare".




# West End Indians' home from home



The home erected by two Canadian Cree Indians (above) may be rudimentary, but the address is fine: London W1. Their tepee is unlikely to appear as one of the capital's over-priced housing oddities, but it will feature in an exibition, "Living Arctic", opening in December at the Museum of Mankind (Lynda Murdin writes).

Emma Shecapio (left), aged 44, and Flora Mianscum, aged 51, were flown from Mistassini, Quebec, to build a tepee at the museum using the same materials as they would in Canada. Theirs is a tepee for today — canvas takes the place of traditional moose hide.

"Instead of projecting a stereotyped image, we want to show how people live today," Mr Jonathan King, assistant keeper in charge of the exhibition, said. "Moose skin is time-consuming to prepare and it is easier to use canvas. We like to use a telephone instead of writing — they are no different."

The exhibition will also feature a prefabricated house, now favoured by most of the north Canadian Inuit.

(Photograph: John Rogers)

# Mandatory speed plea for M-ways

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1985, and they are at present in use on the M1 at repair works at junctions 9 and 10 near Luton, between junctions 14 and 15 in Buckinghamshire, and on the M11 near Harlow.

One traffic engineer said the mere fact of making limits mandatory did not ensure that they were obeyed, but they were more effective than advisory limits. However the presence of a police car was more effective than mandatory limits.

The Department of Transport said that when important motorway roadworks were being planned, they consulted the police to consider whether a mandatory limit would be desirable, and whether the police would be willing and able to enforce it. There is understood to have been at least one occasion when a police force has refused.

There are no guidelines laid down about when mandatory limits should be applied. Mrs Audrey Wise, MP for Preston South, said last night that she was very concerned at the way drivers "flout and ignore speed restriction signs on motorways.
She added: "I want the minister to use his powers to make these temporary limits compulsory and see offenders prosecuted." Last night four victims of the M61 crash, which at one time threatened to demolish an overhead bridge, were being treated at Preston Royal Infirmary. Mr David Dawson, aged 25, a diesel tank driver, from Bury, Lancashire, was "satisfactory" with injuries to his leg. Mr Norman Caddy, aged 45, and his daughter Deborah, aged 15, were seriously ill with head injuries. Mr Caddy's wife Wynne was recovering from burns to her arms.

● Government figures, published yesterday show that Britain has the safest roads in Europe but that pedestrian casualties are among the highest.

Pedestrian injuries among those aged between 10 and 14 have risen by 18 per cent in the past six years.

In 1986, a total of 5,382 people died on Britain's roads, 4 per cent more than in the previous year. There was a small decrease in serious injuries, at 69,000, though the number of slight injuries rose.

The number of children killed or seriously injured has fallen by 12 per cent since 1984.

# New judge nominated by Reagan

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

President Reagan yesterday announced the nomination of Judge Douglas Ginsburg, a conservative, to the United States Supreme Court. His previous nominee, Judge Robert Bork, was rejected by the Senate.

Speaking from the East Room of the White House, President Reagan urged the Senate judiciary committee to begin nomination hearings within three weeks. He hoped there would not be a repeat of what he called "pressure politics" that had surrounded the confirmation hearings over Judge Bork.

Judge Ginsburg, who at 41 would be an exceptionally young member of the Supreme Court, is regarded as ideologically similar to Judge Bork but it is unlikely that he, too, will be rejected. He has been a judge on the Federal Appeals Court for less than a year.

Judge Ginsburg is a University of Chicago Law School graduate who was a clerk to Justice Thurgood Marshall of the Supreme Court before becoming a professor at Harvard Law School.

# Japan and US lay claim on BP

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our leader, urged that a significant cut in interest rates, not just of 0.5 per cent, would stabilize Britain's own trading deficit, ease the downward pressure on markets and improve competitiveness at a time when British interest rates were 25 per cent higher than those in West Germany and 53 per cent higher than those in Japan.

But Mrs Thatcher insisted that Prime Minister's Question Time was not the place for such an announcement.

Mrs Thatcher said that the crucial question was a decision by the US to cut its budget deficit.

"There needs to be a decision on the US budget deficit and I welcome the talks with Congress about getting it.

"Early and decisive action on that is vital and measures of a scale and content going beyond what has been previously envisaged will do more than anything else to bring back confidence".

Mrs Thatcher made it plain that Britain was prepared to work out joint measures with West Germany and Japan provided that the American action was firm enough.

Earlier at Treasury questions Mr John Smith, the Shadow Chancellor, condemned the Government's sale of its remaining 31 per cent stake in BP as a "total flop".

He said it would be deeply damaging to the company — "BP will now be saddled with the most unwilling holders of shares in financial history" — and urged the Government to abandon the sale at the eleventh hour, not to help the underwriters but to protect BP.

Mr Lawson blamed the slide on Wall Street for the stock market chaos which he admitted had left the BP sale "grossly undersubscribed".

Mr Lawson told MPs that Britain had "the fastest rate of economic growth and the fastest decline in unemployment of all the major nations in the world".

During questions Mr John Major, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, confirmed that the Chancellor's autumn statement on public expenditure will be presented on Tuesday.

The Cabinet agreed the statement, which is understood to have kept spending levels within £2 billion-£3 billion of the original target of £154 billion, yesterday morning.

Commons sketch

# A serene highness who sees no crisis

Everyone had something to protest about. Only Mr Nigel Lawson seemed content with the world. He was sure, he said, that the present frothy state of the market would come to an end before long. He hadn't quite made up his mind about the BP question although, when he did, he would be glad to inform the House of his decision in whatever way was convenient.

Here was a happy man, contentedly floating on a rubber ring amid a sea of sharks, crabs and petulant sticklebacks. It is quite conceivable that, Ramada Socialism in full swing, he is the only person in the House not to have sent in a BP share application. Mr Alfred E. Neumann's distinguished motto, "What me, worry?", seemed to float above the Chancellor's head like a halo.

Mr Tam Dalyell, wearing the face of a senior chicken undergoing a particularly uncalled-for strangulation, sat agitatedly through Questions to the Chancellor. He had tabled the first question to the Prime Minister on the forgotten subject of Westland.

Rumour had it that he intended to be thrown out of the House due to intemperate language. Mr Dalyell's particular form of protest favours the forgotten. Were he a chef, he would produce the Christmas pudding well into March.

Soon he will be asking for a full-scale public inquiry into Mrs Thatcher's role in the Suez crisis, not forgetting her disgraceful backstage shenanigans during the Tolpuddle Martyrs affair.

Mr Dalyell is by nature a fidget, but never more so than when teeing up to abuse the Prime Minister. On to the nose go the spectacles, into the ear goes the tip of the pen, off come the spectacles, and it's into the mouth with the pen.

This absurd juggling act had the addition of a spectacle case, an order paper, a notepad, ten fingers and a couple of elbows. Observers noted that, with the addition of a dancing bear, he must surely stand an even chance of an executive post in a leading touring circus.

Conservative protester Mr Geoffrey Dickens rose to his feet. In a dramatic departure from his usual brief, Mr Dickens failed to mention a television soap opera, "littul cheeldrun" or any incident headlined in the tabloid press of the previous day.

However, he does not gracefully pass over an opportunity to make an idiot of himself, and once again he lowered to the occasion, ever the night-club bouncer falling backwards into the fancy cake.

"Given the cleaner emissions from power stations," he emitted, uncleanly, "is it not the time to privatize fresh air?" Alas, there was no studio co-ordinator to proffer the sign saying "Laugh", so his joke was followed by an ear-shattering outburst of silence.

Observers and rumourmongers expecting much from Mr Dalyell's confrontation with the Prime Minister came away as disappointed as ghouls after the man on the ledge has decided to nip back in for another year or two.

Mr Dalyell spluttered a polite question and sat back in his place, all that shuffling and juggling gone to waste. It emerged later that Mr Kinnock, not wishing the sheen to be taken off his own questions to the Prime Minister, had urged propriety upon poor Mr Dalyell.

But Mr Kinnock had counted without the presence of Mr Tony Banks, in whose every vein flows protest.

Mr Banks (Labour, Newham North West) and two backbench friends removed their jackets to reveal colourful T-shirts which looked similar to those worn each day by presenters on children's television but which were, they were later to reveal, vigorous forms of "peaceful protest" in support of the African National Congress.

The Tory protesters protested at such a protest, and Mr Banks protested at the protesters, and the Speaker protested at having his own attire described by Mr Skinner as "kinky".

From the Tory benches, an envious Mr Antony Marlow reached for the nearest protest he could find. Prince Charles, he suggested, was unsuitable as an heir to the throne. Meanwhile, Mr Lawson had retired to ponder in peace his important decision.

**Craig Brown**

# Penelope Lively wins £15,000 Booker Prize

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and often funny romance about love and life and history.

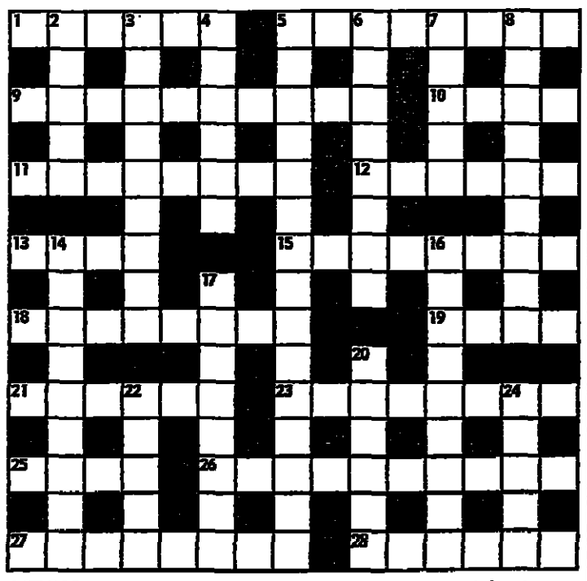
Penelope Lively was born in 1933 in Cairo, and spent her childhood there, coming to England in the last year of the war. She went to school in Sussex, and then read modern history at St Anne's College, Oxford. She married Jack Lively, professor of politics at Warwick University, in 1957. They have a daughter and a son.

*Moon Tiger* is Penelope Lively's seventh novel. She has published three volumes of short stories and many books for children. In 1979, she won the Arts Council National Book Award with her novel *Treasures of Time*; among her children's books, *The Ghost of Thomas Kempe* won the Carnegie Medal, and *A Stitch in Time* won the Whitbread Award. She lives partly in north Oxfordshire, and partly in London.

*Moon Tiger* was picked from a strong field of 94 submitted novels.

The judges, under the chairmanship of the crime-writer, P.D. James, were: Selina Hastings, journalist and biographer; Allan Massie, novelist, author, and critic; Trevor McDonald, diplomatic correspondent of Channel 4 News; and John B. Thompson, director of radio for the IBA.

## The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,501



ACROSS

1 Score 100 in break to get a game (6).
5 Nativity scene can be rewritten (8).
9 This opera was in 3-D (10).
10 Join a shy Lady Jane (4).
11 I procure original from dealer (8).
12 Fashionable woman discards a man from Asia (6).
13 This animal sounds a nuisance (4).
15 Pace for the return of the favourite's extremely fast at the start (8).
18 Arrive at French mountain on foot from this part of Italy (8).
19 The battle of *The Scotsman*? (4).
21 Shakespearian chorus part for Moor (6).
23 Bound to be amused, we hear, by a king (8).
25 Slide, then start to take off (4).
26 Handy varnish ingredients, all in one shop (4,6).
27 Quarry here is almost sure to
28 Knocked left-wing journalist (6).

DOWN

2 Article in gold case is different (5).
3 Varying in character, like this puzzle? (9).
4 Restore theatre atmosphere (6).
5 No returns required from this sort of company (3-6-6).
6 Clergyman's weather guide (3,5).
7 The border Penny once trimmed (5).
8 One of the Emperor's operations (9).
14 Sort of paper that might so describe the Lady of Shalott, say? (5-4).
16 Not quite an organ stop (9).
17 People get taken in by a turn here (8).
20 Get promotion — and an increase (4,2).
22 Popular success and honour for a jerk (5).
24 Guarantee outright result (5).

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Solution to Puzzle No 17,500

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## WEATHER

A moist south-easterly airstream will affect many areas. It will be a rather dull, damp day over the southern half of Britain and Northern Ireland, with rain or drizzle at times, most of this falling in the far south-west in the afternoon. Many parts of Scotland and northern England will have early frost and patchy fog. Most of this will have gone by late morning, leaving the rest of the day dry with some lengthy sunny spells. Temperatures will be up a little on yesterday's over much of Britain, but a fresh breeze can be expected in the south-west. Outlook for the tomorrow and Sunday: Mainly dry. Early mist and fog each day, then brightening up.

## ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

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| Ajaccio | c | 21 | 70 | Majorca | f | 21 | 70 |
| Alicatini | s | 22 | 72 | Malaga | s | 19 | 66 |
| Alex'dria | c | 21 | 70 | Malta | f | 24 | 75 |
| Algiers | c | 22 | 72 | Melb'rne | s | 17 | 63 |
| Amst'dm | c | 12 | 54 | Mexico C* | f | 17 | 63 |
| Athens | c | 12 | 54 | Miami* | s | 27 | 81 |
| Bahrain | s | 28 | 82 | Milan | r | 10 | 50 |
| Barbados* | f | 30 | 86 | Montreal* | s | 9 | 48 |
| Barcelona | s | 21 | 70 | Moscow | s | 1 | 68 |
| Beirut | s | 21 | 70 | Munich | c | 8 | 46 |
| Belgrade | s | 9 | 48 | Nairobi | f | 28 | 82 |
| Berlin | s | 9 | 48 | Naples | r | 22 | 72 |
| Bermuda* | f | 25 | 77 | N Delhi | s | 30 | 86 |
| Biarritz | s | 19 | 66 | N York* | c | 16 | 61 |
| Borde'x | s | 14 | 57 | Nice | r | 17 | 63 |
| Brussels | c | 11 | 52 | Oslo | r | 7 | 45 |
| Budapst | s | 7 | 45 | Paris | f | 12 | 54 |
| B Aires* | s | 27 | 81 | Peking | c | 15 | 59 |
| Cairo | f | 23 | 73 | Perth | s | 22 | 72 |
| Cape Tn | s | 22 | 72 | Prague | s | 7 | 45 |
| C'blanca | s | 19 | 66 | Reykjvik | s | -2 | 28 |
| Chicago* | f | 9 | 48 | Rhodes | s | 18 | 64 |
| Ch'church | r | 10 | 50 | Rio de J | f | 24 | 75 |
| Cologne | c | 13 | 55 | Riyadh | s | 31 | 88 |
| Cpnagn | f | 8 | 46 | Rome | c | 21 | 70 |
| Corfu | c | 14 | 57 | Salzburg | s | 12 | 54 |
| Dublin | c | 11 | 52 | S F'cisco* | c | 17 | 63 |
| Dubrovnik | c | 17 | 63 | Santiago* | s | 27 | 81 |
| Faro | c | 17 | 63 | S Paulo* | f | 30 | 86 |
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| Lisbon | c | 16 | 61 | Vienna | s | 6 | 43 |

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

## AROUND BRITAIN

| | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scarboro | 8.5 | - | 10 | 50 | sunny |
| Bridlington | 6.9 | - | 11 | 52 | sunny |
| Cromer | 5.2 | - | 12 | 54 | sunny |
| Lowestoft | 4.0 | - | 13 | 55 | sunny |
| Clacton | 5.3 | - | 14 | 57 | sunny |
| Southend | 3.3 | - | 11 | 52 | bright |
| Margate | - | .04 | 12 | 54 | sunny |
| Folkestone | 5.7 | - | 14 | 57 | sunny |
| Hastings | 4.0 | .16 | 14 | 57 | rain |
| Eastbourne | 6.5 | .11 | 13 | 55 | sunny |
| Brighton | 6.8 | - | 14 | 57 | sunny |
| Worthing | 3.2 | - | 13 | 55 | bright |
| Littlehmptn | 5.0 | .01 | 13 | 55 | sunny |
| Bognor R | 6.2 | - | 14 | 57 | sunny |
| Southsea | 4.8 | - | 14 | 57 | sunny |
| Sandown | 5.5 | - | 14 | 57 | sunny |
| Shanklin | 4.9 | - | 13 | 55 | bright |
| Bournemth | 2.5 | - | 12 | 54 | cloudy |
| Poole | 2.1 | - | 13 | 55 | cloudy |
| Swanage | 1.9 | - | 13 | 55 | cloudy |
| Weymouth | 1.5 | - | 12 | 54 | bright |
| Exmouth | 0.2 | - | 12 | 54 | cloudy |
| Teignmouth | - | - | | | |
| Torquay | - | - | 12 | 54 | cloudy |
| Falmouth | - | - | | | |
| Penzance | 0.2 | .02 | 12 | 54 | drizzle |
| Scilly Isles | - | - | 12 | 54 | shower |
| Jersey | 1.2 | - | 11 | 52 | cloudy |
| Guernsey | - | - | | | |
| Newquay | - | - | 12 | 54 | shower |
| Ilfracombe | - | - | 12 | 54 | dull |
| Minehead | 0.4 | - | 11 | 52 | cloudy |
| B'pool Airpt | 4.5 | - | 10 | 50 | sunny |
| Morecambe | 4.1 | - | 10 | 50 | bright |
| Douglas | - | - | 10 | 50 | cloudy |
| Belfast (Ctrl) | 2.2 | - | 11 | 52 | sunny |
| Carlisle | - | - | | | |
| London | 3.3 | - | 12 | 54 | bright |
| Manchester | 5.4 | - | 10 | 50 | sunny |
| N'cstl-n-Tyne | 4.1 | - | 10 | 50 | fog |
| Nottingham | 5.9 | .01 | 10 | 50 | sunny |
| Anglesey | 1.0 | - | 11 | 52 | cloudy |
| Cardiff (Ctrl) | 0.8 | - | 9 | 48 | cloudy |
| Colwyn Bay | 1.3 | - | 11 | 52 | cloudy |
| Tenby | - | .01 | 11 | 52 | cloudy |
| Aberdeen | 2.1 | - | 9 | 48 | bright |
| Aviemore | 0.1 | - | 6 | 43 | cloudy |
| Edinburgh | 0.4 | - | 8 | 46 | cloudy |
| Eskdalemuir | - | - | | | |
| Glasgow | 0.3 | - | 9 | 48 | cloudy |
| Kinloss | 0.1 | - | 9 | 48 | cloudy |
| Lerwick | 1.1 | .01 | 9 | 48 | bright |
| Prestwick | 0.8 | - | 10 | 50 | bright |
| Stornoway | 0.3 | - | 11 | 52 | bright |
| Tiree | 0.3 | - | 10 | 50 | cloudy |
| Wick | - | - | 9 | 48 | rain |
| Belfast | 0.3 | - | 10 | 50 | rain |

* Denotes figures not available

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## HIGH TIDES

| TODAY | AM | HT | PM | HT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| London Bridge | 6.45 | 5.8 | 7.36 | 5.9 |
| Aberdeen | 7.21 | 3.6 | 7.27 | 3.6 |
| Avonmouth | 12.03 | 10.0 | 12.42 | 10.0 |
| Belfast | 4.34 | 3.0 | 4.51 | 3.2 |
| Cardiff | — | — | 12.27 | 9.3 |
| Devonport | 11.01 | 4.7 | — | — |
| Dover | 4.06 | 5.5 | 4.59 | 5.3 |
| Falmouth | 10.31 | 4.5 | 11.34 | 4.1 |
| Glasgow | 6.40 | 4.2 | 5.56 | 4.3 |
| Harwich | 4.31 | 3.3 | 5.25 | 3.4 |
| Holyhead | 3.53 | 4.5 | 4.21 | 4.7 |
| Hull | 11.57 | 5.5 | — | — |
| Ilfracombe | 11.34 | 7.2 | — | — |
| Leith | 8.25 | 4.8 | 8.47 | 4.6 |
| Liverpool | 4.30 | 7.5 | 5.06 | 7.7 |
| Lowestoft | 2.06 | 2.2 | 3.49 | 2.2 |
| Margate | 4.56 | 4.1 | 5.51 | 4.1 |
| Milford Haven | 11.54 | 5.5 | — | — |
| Newquay | 10.53 | 5.8 | 11.42 | 5.4 |
| Oban | — | — | 12.26 | 3.1 |
| Penzance | 10.17 | 4.7 | 11.24 | 4.3 |
| Portland | — | — | 12.03 | 1.7 |
| Portsmouth | 4.57 | 3.9 | 5.21 | 3.8 |
| Shoreham | 4.24 | 5.2 | 5.01 | 5.0 |
| Southampton | 4.30 | 3.9 | 4.51 | 3.8 |
| Swansea | — | — | Noon | 7.4 |

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.28068. Times are GMT

## THE POUND

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 2.65 | 2.81 |
| Austria Sch | 21.65 | 20.75 |
| Belgium Fr | 64.55 | 61.75 |
| Canada $ | 2.385 | 2.245 |
| Denmark Kr | 11.96 | 11.36 |
| Finland Mkk | 7.65 | 7.25 |
| France Fr | 10.40 | 9.90 |
| Germany Dm | 3.10 | 2.94 |
| Greece Dr | 248 | 236 |
| Hong Kong $ | 13.85 | 13.15 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.166 | 1.106 |
| Italy Lira | 2250 | 2150 |
| Japan Yen | 248 | 236 |
| Netherlands Gld | 3.485 | 3.315 |
| Norway Kr | 11.80 | 11.15 |
| Portugal Esc | 247 | 235 |
| South Africa Rd | 4.30 | 3.60 |
| Spain Pta | 207 | 197 |
| Sweden Kr | 11.12 | 10.57 |
| Switzerland Fr | 2.55 | 2.43 |
| USA $ | 1.725 | 1.715 |
| Yugoslavia Dnr | 1800 | 1550 |

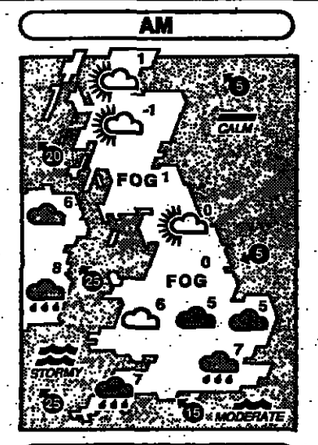
Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 102.4 (September).

London: The FT Index closed up 14.9 at 1303.4.

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## AM




## PM




## LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.08 pm to 6.21 am
Bristol 5.18 pm to 6.31 am
Edinburgh 5.08 pm to 6.46 am
Manchester 5.11 pm to 6.35 am
Penzance 5.33 pm to 6.39 am

Sun rises: 6.50 am
Sun sets: 4.38 pm
Moon rises 2.37 pm
Moon sets 11.45 pm
Full Moon November 5

## HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Southampton, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, N. Scotland, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Kirkwall, Orkney, 0.51 ins; highest sunshine: Ventnor, Isle of Wight, and Penzance, Cornwall, 9.4 hr.

## LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am,5C (41F) Humidity: 6 pm, 81 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.3 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1017.9 millibars, steady.
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## MANCHESTER

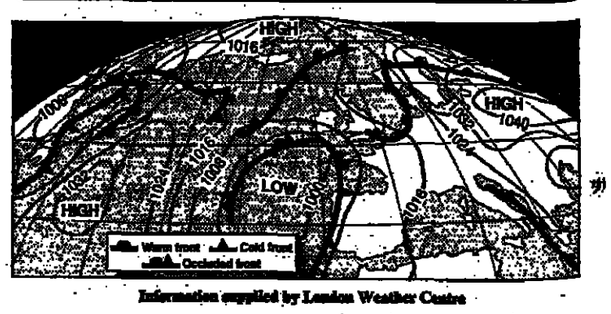
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am,3C (37F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 5.4 hr.

## YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

| | | C | F | | | C | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belfast | c | 10 | 50 | Guernsey | f | 11 | 52 |
| B'mingham | s | 9 | 48 | Inverness | c | 5 | 41 |
| Blackpool | f | 9 | 48 | Jersey | c | 11 | 52 |
| Bristol | s | 10 | 50 | London | c | 10 | 50 |
| Cardiff | f | 9 | 48 | M'chester | s | 9 | 48 |
| Edinburgh | f | 7 | 45 | Newcastle | f | 8 | 46 |
| Glasgow | f | 8 | 46 | R'nidmwy | s | 10 | 50 |

## NOON TODAY




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Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1303.4 (+14.9)

FT-SE 100
1682.0 (+23.6)

Bargains
37681 (45378)

USM (Datastream)
154.23 (–2.62)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7230 (+0.0145)

W German mark
2.9782 (–0.0168)

Trade-weighted
74.6 (+0.2)

## Arenson up 71% to £1.28m

Arenson Group, the office furniture maker, stacked up profits of £1.28 million in the year to end-July, a 71 per cent increase on the previous £751,000. Earnings per share rose from 6.05p to 9.97p and Mr Archy Arenson, the chairman, is recommending a 1.35p final dividend, making 1.9p for the year (1.1p).

By year-end, group borrowings had been totally eliminated by a positive cash flow of almost £3 million.

## CIT rights

The rights offer of 8.63 million shares in Continental and Industrial Trust made to shareholders of TransAtlantic Holdings was subscribed 98.2 per cent. By agreement with the underwriters the balance of 159,273 Continental shares will be retained by TransAtlantic, taking its stake in Continental up to 40.87 per cent.

## Cooper rise

Frederick Cooper, the Walsall industrial holding company with interests in material handling, metal finishing, electricals, engineering and architectural products, made pretax profits of £3.95 million (£2 million) in the year to end-July. The total dividend was raised to 2.35p from no dividend the previous year.

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## Payment up

Bennett & Fountain Group, a retailer and wholesaler of electrical and domestic appliances, is raising the annual dividend from 0.6p to 0.7p a share after reporting pretax profits of £2.71 million for the year ended June 30

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SUMMARY

### STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 1902.35 (+55.53)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average 22033.89 (–543.64)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2204.52 (–165.64)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 224.1 (+2.4)
Sydney: AO ..... 1285.2 (–102.2)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1427.1 (–69.80)
Brussels:
General ..... 3739.2 (–485.0)
Paris: CAC ..... 293.6 (–5.1)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 459.80 (–2.3)
London:
FT–A All-Share ..... 856.06 (+8.15)
FT–"500" ..... 940.70 (+10.51)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 309.9 (–13.9)
FT. Fixed interest ..... 93.68 (–0.01)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 90.14 (same)

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### MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
British Gas ..... 147p (+10p)
Redland ..... 388p (+24p)
Bass ..... 858p (+25p)
Matthew Brown ..... 608p (+28p)
Thames TV ..... 319p (+29p)
Calor ..... 403p (+35p)
Cons Gold ..... 803p (+35p)
TV AM ..... 298p (+36p)
Jaguar ..... 300p (+14p)
Hill Samuel ..... 745p (+10p)
FALLS:
ICI ..... 988p (–26p)
Reed Intl. ..... 376p (–14p)
British Vita ..... 415p (–25p)
Reuters ..... 412p (–14p)
Eastern Produce ..... 343p (–27p)
Stand. Chartered ..... 465p (–23p)
Prices are as at 4pm

### INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9½%
3-month interbank 9⅝–9 11/16%
3-month eligible bills:8⅝–8 25/32% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 6 11/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.05-5.04%*
30-year bonds 97⅝–97 21/32*

### CURRENCIES

| London: | New York: |
|---|---|
| £: $1.7230 | £: $1.7285* |
| £: DM2.9782 | $: DM1.7205* |
| £: SwFr2.4639 | $: SwFr1.4335* |
| £: FFr10.028 | $: FFr5.8300* |
| £: Yen238.64 | $: Yen138.15* |
| £: Index:74.6 | $: Index:98.3 |
| ECU £0.692114 | SDR £0.774684 |

### GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $474.05 pm-$472.45
close $469.00-470.00 (£272.50-273.25)
New York:
Comex $462.50-463.30*

### NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec.) pm $18.90bbl ($18.95)
* Denotes latest trading price

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## Bank of England holds up base rate cut until BP sale decision

# Dollar falls again worldwide

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The dollar continued to come under heavy pressure on the foreign exchange markets yesterday with central banks intervening on a large scale to support the US currency.

In an effort to revive confidence in the dollar, the leading nations re-emphasized their commitment to the Louvre accord on currency stability.

M Edouard Balladur, the French finance minister, called for an urgent meeting of the Group of Seven to strengthen the accord and improve the co-ordination of interest rate policies.

M Balladur said it was vital that the US cut its budget deficit substantially and that West Germany and Japan cut interest rates. He also called for a permanent secretariat to oversee the functioning of the currency pact.

Money market rates in Britain fell further, with three-month interbank money ⅛ lower at 9 11/16 per cent. At this level a further fall in base rates is indicated but, prior to a decision on the BP issue, the Bank of England kept its dealing rates unchanged, holding off any cut in rates by the banks.

Other central banks continued to pursue lower interest rate policies with the Bundesbank supplying liquidity to the West German money market at 3.8 per cent and the US Federal Reserve Board also helping markets.

The dollar opened in London about 1.80 pfennigs below its previous close at DM1.7353 but slightly above the overnight closing rate in Tokyo of DM1.7315. It was heavily supported by the leading central banks, including the Bank of England, but still closed lower at DM1.7285 after touching DM1.7180.

Its opening rate against the yen was Y137.63, compared with a close in Tokyo of Y137.55. The post-Second World War low was Y137.25, hit on April 27 this year.

The central banks are continuing to intervene very openly and Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese finance minister, said they were prepared to step up the scale of intervention. The Bank of Japan was thought to have spent up to $1 billion (£600 million) yesterday supporting the dollar.

In an attempt to undo the damage caused by remarks by M Jacques Delors, president of the EEC Commission, that the US was prepared to let the dollar fall to DM1.60, the Commission denied he had any special knowledge of US policy.

However, Herr Martin Bangemann, the West German economics minister, pointedly said the Louvre accord would only survive if changes were made in US policy and the budget deficit reduced. West Germany would not change its own economic policy.

Sterling rose 1.45 cents to close at $1.7230, but fell back against the mark on expectations of lower interest rates, closing 2.40 pfennigs lower at DM2.9743. The effective exchange rate index rose 0.2 to 74.6.

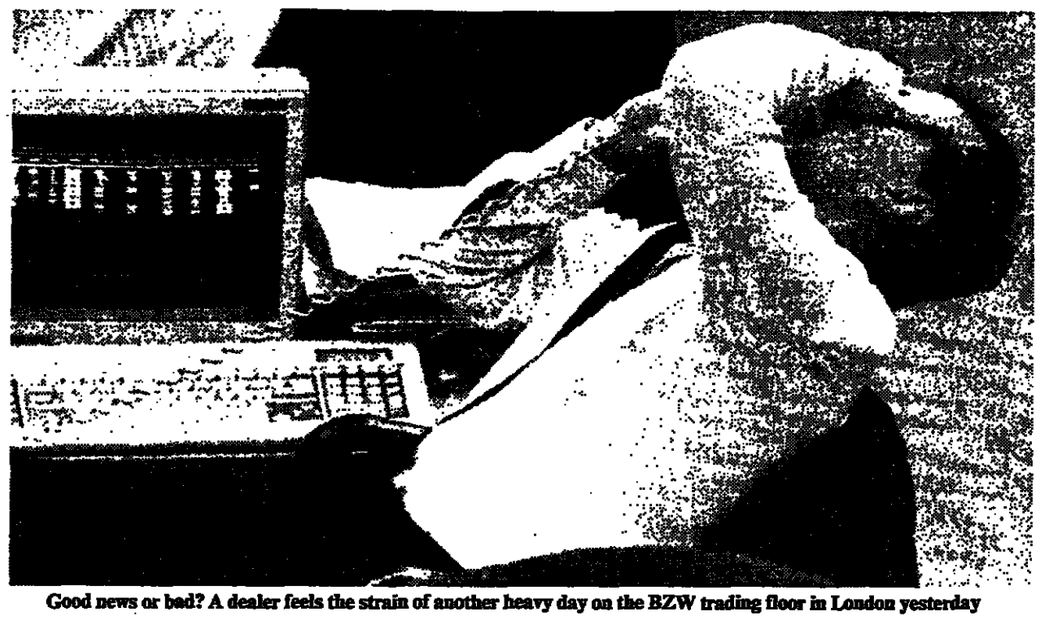
In the gilt market, prices opened about one point higher but eased as the expected cut in interest rates failed to materialize.

Mr Kevin Boakes of Greenwell Montagu, the broker, said: "There is some disappointment in the market that there was no cut in base rates, but another cut is still on the cards."

● Bundesbank concern about the recent reductions in West German interest rates should be lessened by the latest figures for the country's monetary expansion. Its broad measure of the money supply, M3, grew very slowly last month, by 0.1 per cent, compared with 0.5 per cent growth in August, revised down from 0.8 per cent, and 0.5 per cent in September last year.

The Bank of England also announced its detailed money supply figures for September yesterday, confirming a considerably larger rise of 0.8 per cent in M3 after seasonal adjustment. Over the year the unadjusted increase is 19.5 per cent.

The figures show that foreigners continued to be large net buyers of gilts with purchases during the month of £550 million, the eighth monthly increase in succession. Domestic holders were, however, again net sellers, by £230 million.



Good news or bad? A dealer feels the strain of another heavy day on the BZW trading floor in London yesterday

## 'Worst is over' on Wall Street

From Charles Bremner
New York

The New York Stock Exchange rallied across the board in early trading yesterday despite declining share prices overseas and the continuing slump by the dollar.

For the first time since Black Monday on October 19 market officials were making optimistic statements. "The system is intact. The markets are trying to stabilize. Things are getting back to normal," said Mr John Phelan, the chairman of the Exchange. "But the volatility will stay there for a while," he added.

The Dow Jones Industrial Index, which had lost about 300 points during last week's plunge, rebounded a further 51 points to 1,898 after two and a half hours' trading. Broader measures show the market gaining across the board. "There are indications that the worst is over, I think the outlook is more promising," said Mr Michael Metz, a vice president and analyst for Oppenheimer, the securities house. Traders said the market appeared to have settled down over the past few days, during which it has gained slowly but surely.

Analysts said the market did not appear to be responding to the dollar's continuing weakness but there was uncertainty stemming among other things from Britain's indecision over BP.

● In Tokyo share prices closed more than 540 points down on selling in export-led shares as the dollar traded below the 140.00 yen level in currency dealings.

The Nikkei average of 225 selected stocks, which fell 257.43 points on Wednesday, fell 543.64 points to 22,033.89.

Turnover in the first section index came to an estimated 700 million shares, down from 850 million shares on Wednesday and 1 billion shares on Tuesday.

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# Sceptical Democrats press for vote to reduce budget deficit

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The House of Representatives planned to take separate action yesterday on the first substantive legislation to reduce the budget deficit, as Congressional negotiators continued their talks with the White House on a broader programme of reductions.

House Democrats, still sceptical of President Reagan's willingness to compromise on tax increases, said they were pressing for a legislative vote as "a hedge" against possible failure of the economic summit with the Reagan Administration.

The vote is on a bill which is part of a Congressional plan to reduce the deficit by $23 billion (£13.3 billion). It contains $12 billion in new taxes, which would primarily affect corporations and wealthy individuals. Democrats said they could lose the vote because of a technicality that had put a welfare reform amendment in the bill which could cause the loss of critical votes.

A sharp debate on the legislation, which was strongly opposed by Republicans, continued on the House floor as Congress escalated its investigation of what went wrong on "Black Monday".

The budget negotiators continued their talks yesterday but were not close to agreeing on a final compromise, despite the hope of Mr Howard Baker, the White House chief of staff, that they could reach an agreement this week. Negotiators said the talks could continue through the weekend.

Separate committees of the House and Senate held public and private hearings yesterday in which the leaders of the main stock exchanges and top government officials were questioned on the reasons for the market crash, which could provoke a new wave of regulation of the US securities industry.

Mr Edward Markey, a Democratic representative for Massachusetts, has launched the most ambitious investigation through his House subcommittee, which is holding closed sessions this week with key officials. Mr David Ruder, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, indicated to committee members that he favoured stronger margin requirements.

Mr John Phelan, chairman of the New York Stock Exchange, was summoned before the committee and argued against new legislation that would retard the free movement of markets. He said he expected volatility in the market to continue.

Influential Congressmen are concerned that some of New York's large investment houses have been left in vulnerable financial positions after the market's deep plunge. These fears were raised yesterday by members of the House Banking Committee, who cited reports that some of the biggest investment houses are saddled with risky bridge loans which may have to be refinanced under difficult market conditions.

A spokesman for Salomon Brothers confirmed yesterday that it had a temporary bridge loan of $600 million.

# More financial problems expected in options

By Colin Narbrough

Monday's settlement date for traded options on the London Stock Exchange will expose financial problems for more market participants handling private client business, but the institutional side is expected to give little difficulty.

This was a widely held view in the City yesterday after it emerged that A J Bekhor, the broker, a specialist in private client business, had paid £5 million of losses in traded options by clients of Mr Manny Marks, and that a single private client of County Natwest, the securities arm of National Westminister Bank, had possibly lost hundreds of thousands on the instruments.

Talk of considerable losses involving a half-commission broker was also circulating in the City.

All cases were believed to involve the selling, or "writing", of put options, which provide the buyer with the right to sell shares at a pre-set exercise price. Writers of this type of hedge will, however, have to pay much more than market rates for shares, given the massive slump in equity prices.

Mr Tony de Guingand, a spokesman for the Stock Exchange, expressed confidence in the financial health of participants in the traded options market, underlining that all players had met margin calls promptly and without difficulty.

The extent of any settlement problems would already be known to the brokers and they would not have to wait until next week to find out. He noted that the exchange had, for instance, been aware of the Bekhor case.

Mr de Guingand stressed that the traded options market bore no comparison with the Hong Kong market. In London, traded options volume was only about 14 per cent of overall equity market volume.

Furthermore, the higher-risk private client end of the business, represented only 5 per cent of the turnover in traded otions.

The institutional clients accounting for the bulk of traded options business are regarded by the exchange and broking houses as unlikely to cause any problems next week, as losses could be easily absorbed.

This month a record 124,000 options, corresponding to 124 million shares, were exercised by the October expiry date last week, and the smooth working of the market so far in the face of such volumes has clearly gratified the exchange officials.

## Chancellor optimistic

By Our Economics Editor

The Government agreed its public spending plans for the next three years in Cabinet yesterday and these will be presented to Parliament in the Chancellor's annual autumn statement on Tuesday.

The statement will include a fairly optimistic forecast for the economy though previous expectations of growth of about 3 per cent next year may have to be curbed because of the shock to confidence

For the current year the forecast will show a sharp reduction in the public sector borrowing requirement below the £4 billion target, suggesting considerable scope for tax cuts or a further reduction in borrowing in the Budget.

Next year's spending target was set in the Public Expenditure White Paper at £154.2 billion.

## ICI cautious on effect of market troubles

By Alexandra Jackson

Imperial Chemical Industries has given a warning that the impact on the group's trading of the unsettled conditions in the equity and money markets cannot yet be assessed.

Mr Alan Clements, the group finance director, said: "It is too early for conjecture. As yet there is no sign of softening of demand." He added: "With a higher percentage of 'effect' chemicals, we are more recession-proof than, for example, in 1980-81.

"But if no action is taken to improve the US situation there must be an effect on our US growth prospects."

ICI satisfied the market yesterday by reporting third-quarter pretax profits of £313 million, making a nine-month total to the end of September of £1,004 million, against £256 million and £726 million for comparable periods in 1986.

Nine-month turnover rose 11 per cent to £8,387 million. Organic growth accounted for sales 8 per cent higher with acquisitions adding another 5 per cent. There was an adverse effect from lower selling prices of 1 per cent and the same from currencies.

Most City analysts are forecasting £1.3 billion pretax profits for 1987 after £1 billion last year. For 1988, those who think there will be only a modest US recession expect pretax profits of £1.45 billion against earlier estimates of £1.55 billion; those expecting a more severe US downturn expect an unchanged £1.3 billion.

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## Russian bond holders face payments puzzle

By Colin Campbell

The first compensation cheques for bond holders who suffered financially in the Russian Revolution are being posted this morning.

This will involve cheques to nearly 3,300 British claimants and will represent 10 per cent of the face value of the bonds successfully claimed for, the Foreign Office announced yesterday.

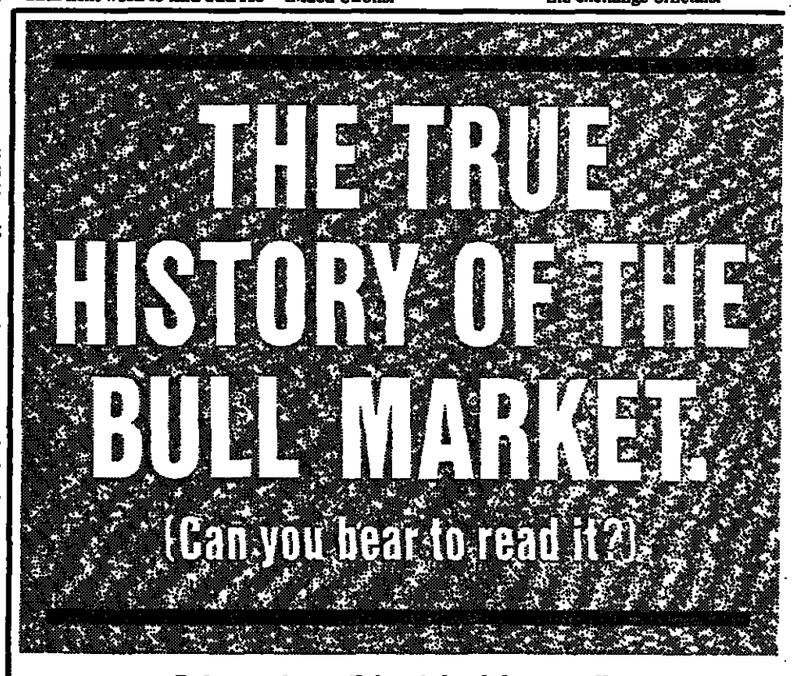
Those who receive compensation will, however, have to decide which is more valuable — the cheque or the bonds.

The Government has been swamped with requests for dishonoured Russian bonds to be returned as souvenirs. There is a thriving market for Russian bonds as collectors' items but the Foreign Compensation Commission (FCC) requires that bonds have to be surrendered so that they can be destroyed.

The interim payment being made by the FCC involves an overall outlay of £3 million. The Russian fund will still have roughly £50 million in the kitty, out of which a further compensation payment — possibly meaning an overall compensation settlement of 30 per cent of original value — is expected to be made in 1989.

But those who lost property in Russia when the Communists took over will have to wait a while yet for their compensation cheques.

Property losses are proving more complex to settle, though progress is being made.




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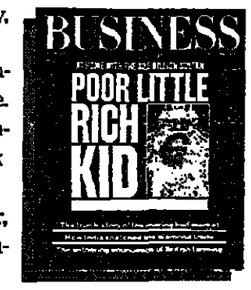
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## Rules tightened after some employees lose over £½m

# City ban on market betting

By Alison Eadie

British securities houses are urgently reviewing their rules on employees' share dealing after some lost heavily betting on stock market indices.

County NatWest has banned betting on indices from this week. Mr Peter Dale, the managing director, said yesterday that County NatWest's rules were among the most stringent but they had not covered stock indices. A County NatWest trader is believed to have made large personal losses betting on the indices.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd is looking at its rules, but is not actively considering a ban on stock indices. Mr Nick Brigstocke, head of institutional equity sales, said he did not know of anybody in trouble at BZW, but it was a matter of great concern if people in their 20s were losing ridiculous amounts of money, which they would never be able to pay back.

The two London-based betting companies — IG Index and City Index — confirmed that clients had been badly burned and were now backing off placing fresh bets. City Index said its largest loser showed a £900,000 loss on a bet on the Dow Jones index, when Wall Street was at its lowest. He had closed out part of his position — and paid up £350,000 — but was still running the rest of the position.

IG Index said its largest loser was cleaned out to the tune of £700,000 on the Wall Street index. He paid up promptly.

Although the great majority have been caught unawares by the scale of the stock market collapse, one IG client anticipated the collapse and made £400,000.

Both IG and City have been forced to increase their deposit requirements and widen their spreads to cope with the changed markets. Mr Stuart Wheeler, the IG managing director, said it had suspended its credit accounts, usually reserved for members of the Stock Exchange who make up a large proportion of clients. The credit accounts allowed SE members to bet without paying an initial deposit and to run up losses of £10,000 before making payments.

Mr Christopher Hales, the managing director of City Index, said the average bet on stock market indices used to be £100 a point. City is now asking for a deposit to cover a 300 point move meaning punters are being asked to stump up £30,000 before being allowed to place a bet.

The change in credit and margin arrangements and the wild gyrations in the stock markets have brought business in stock indices to a virtual halt. However, IG reports huge business in bets on currency options, which are not open-ended, meaning losses can be limited. Business on gold is also brisk

WALL STREET

# Early trading lifts Dow by 59 points

New York (Agencies) — Shares generally rallied in early trading yesterday. The Dow Jones industrial average jumped by 59 points to 1,905.82. A total of 1,000 issues gained with 350 down. Trading was active.

Among the 30 Dow average shares, IBM was up by 1⅞ to 119¾, Coca-Cola gained 1¼ to 40 and Dupont rose by 2 to 87½. CBS was up by 3¾ to 171. It has risen recently on talks about the sale of its records business for $2 billion.

On Wednesday, the Dow average closed 0.33 of a point higher at 1,846.82.

● Washington (AP-Dow Jones) — The US import price index, excluding fuels, rose by 1.3 per cent in the third quarter of this year, the Labor Department said. The third-quarter increase compares with a 2.6 per cent gain in the previous quarter.

The index for all imports rose by 1.7 per cent in the June-September period, a lower rate than the 4 per cent increase reported for the previous quarter.

● Toledo, Ohio (Reuter) — Chrysler Corporation reports that it has reached tentative agreement with the United Automobile Workers' union on a new local contract covering more than 5,000 hourly and salaried workers at the jeep plant it took over here early in August when it bought American Motors Corporation.

Details were withheld pending a vote by local members.

The future of the jeep operations here have been in question because of past fractious labour-management relations when the two affected factories were run by AMC.

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| AMR Cp | 30½ | 31½ | Firestone | 26¼ | 26½ | Pepsico | 31¾ | 31 |
| ASA | 43½ | 41¼ | Fst Chicago | 20 | 20¼ | Pfizer | 48¼ | 49¾ |
| Aetna Life | 51¾ | 52¾ | Fst Int Bncp | 38 | 38½ | Phelps Dod | 26½ | 25 |
| Allied Signal | 34 | 34¼ | Fst Penn C | 7¾ | 7¾ | Philip Mor | 65¾ | 66¾ |
| Allis Chlm | 1¾ | 1¾ | FT Wachva | 33¾ | 32¾ | Philip Pet | 10¾ | 11¾ |
| Alcoa | 37¾ | 35¾ | Ford Motor | 72 | 70 | Polaroid | 20¾ | 20¾ |
| Amax Inc | 13¾ | 14 | GAF Cp | 40 | 40½ | Primerica | 26¾ | 27¾ |
| AMR Hess | 23¾ | 24¾ | GTE Cp | 35¼ | 35¾ | Proct Gble | 80¾ | 81¾ |
| Am Brands | 40 | 40¼ | Gen Cp | 59¾ | 64¾ | Pub S E G | 23¼ | 23½ |
| Am Cynmd | 36¾ | 33¼ | Gn Dynam | 51 | 51 | Raytheon | 67 | 66 |
| Am Elc Pwr | 27 | 27¾ | Gen Electric | 43¾ | 43¾ | Ryrlds Metl | 29¾ | 29 |
| Amexs | 22½ | 23¼ | Gen Inst | 23¾ | 22¼ | Rockwell Int | 18 | 18¼ |
| Am Home | 71 | 70¾ | Gen Mills | 45 | 43¾ | Royal Dutch | 104¾ | 106¾ |
| Am Int Grp | 64 | 65 | Gen Motors | 57¾ | 59½ | SFE Sopac | 48 | 44½ |
| Am Stand | 35¾ | 36¾ | Gen Pub Ut | 22¾ | 22¾ | Sara Lee | 36¾ | 36½ |
| Am Telph | 28½ | 27¾ | Genesco | 2¾ | 3 | Schlumb | 29¾ | 31¾ |
| Amoco Cp | 69¾ | 69¾ | Georgia Pac | 29¼ | 29¾ | Scott Pap | 56¾ | 58½ |
| Armco Steel | 7¾ | 7½ | Gillette | 26¾ | 25 | Seagram | 52¼ | 51¾ |
| Asarco Inc | 15¾ | 16¾ | Goodrich | 29¾ | 30¼ | Sears Roeb | 33¾ | 34½ |
| Ashland Oil | 49 | 50½ | Goodyear | 41¾ | 42 | Shell Trans | 70½ | 72¾ |
| Atl Richfld | 75¾ | 77 | Gould Inc | 12 | 12¾ | Singer | 29¼ | 29¾ |
| Avon Prod | 23 | 23¼ | Grace Co | 39¾ | 40½ | Smith Beck | 50 | 48¾ |
| Bk Boston | 21¼ | 21¾ | Grt Atl Pac | 31½ | 32¾ | Sony Cp | 27 | 29½ |
| Bank NY | 29¾ | 28¾ | Greyhnd | 24¾ | 24¾ | Stn Cal Ed | 31½ | 31¾ |
| Bankamer | 8¾ | 8¾ | Grumman | 22¾ | 22¾ | SW Bell | 37 | 38¼ |
| Bkrs Tst NY | 32 | 32¾ | Gulf & West | 63 | 62¾ | Squibb | 69¾ | 66¾ |
| Baxter | 20¾ | 19¾ | Heinz | 37¾ | 35¾ | Sterl Drug | 48¾ | 47¾ |
| Beth Steel | 10¾ | 9¾ | Hercules | 44¾ | 45¼ | Stevens JP | 23¼ | 23 |
| Boeing | 37 | 36 | Hewlett Pk | 45 | 41¾ | Sun Comp | 48½ | 48¾ |
| Boise Casc | 50¾ | 52¼ | Honeywell | 49¾ | 53¼ | TRW Inc | 43½ | 42¾ |
| Borden | 41¾ | 41 | IC Ind | 26½ | 27½ | Teledyne | 262 | 261 |
| Bristl Meyr | 40¾ | 39 | ITT Cp | 49¾ | 50¼ | Tenneco | 39 | 39¾ |
| BP | 53¾ | 51¾ | INCO | 13¾ | 13¾ | Texaco | 29½ | 29¾ |
| Brunswick | 13¾ | 14¾ | Ing Rand Wi | 24¾ | 24 | Tex Eastn | 21¼ | 21¾ |
| Burl Ind | n.a | n.a | Inland Steel | 17¾ | 18¼ | Texas Inst | 42¾ | 39¾ |
| Burl Nth | 54¾ | 55¾ | IBM | 118¼ | 118½ | Tex Util | 28 | 28¾ |
| CBS | 163 | 153¾ | Int Paper | 30¾ | 29¾ | Textron | 18¾ | 19½ |
| CMS Engy | 13 | 12¾ | Irving Bk | 42 | 42 | Travelers | 36½ | 37¼ |
| CPC Int | 37 | 36¼ | Jhsn & Jhsn | 73¾ | 71 | USG | 28 | 28¼ |
| CSX Cp | 23 | 23¾ | K Mart | 26¾ | 24¾ | USX Cp | 24¾ | 25¼ |
| Cmpbell Sp | 51 | 51¾ | Kaisertech | 8¾ | 8¾ | Unilever Plc | 31¾ | 32 |
| Can Pacific | 14¾ | 14¾ | Kerr McGee | 30¾ | 30¾ | Un Carbide | 18¾ | 19¾ |
| Caterpillar | 44¾ | 44 | Kimbrly Clrk | 45¾ | 42¾ | Un Pac Cp | 46¾ | 47¾ |
| Centrl SW | 31¾ | 30¾ | Kraft | 47 | 46¾ | Unisys Cp | 29 | 26¾ |
| Champion | 26¾ | 25¾ | Kroger | 25 | 25¾ | Utd Brands | 36 | 36 |
| Chase Man | 26¾ | 27½ | LTV Cp | 2¾ | 2¾ | Utd Tech | 36¼ | 34½ |
| Chem NY | 26 | 25¾ | Litton | 69¼ | 69¼ | Unocal | 26 | 26¾ |
| Chevron | 40¾ | 39½ | Lockheed | 36¾ | 34¾ | Walter Jim | 58 | 57¾ |
| Chrysler | 22¾ | 24½ | Lucky Str | 21¾ | 22¼ | Warn Lamb | 63 | 61 |
| Chicorp | 38¾ | 37¾ | Man H'nver | 28¾ | 29¾ | Wells Far | 42 | 42 |
| Clark Eq | 18¾ | 19 | Manville | 2¾ | 2¾ | Westg El | 42¾ | 42¾ |
| Coca Cola | 38¾ | 37½ | Mapco | 40 | 42¾ | Weyerhsr | 32¾ | 31¾ |
| Colgate | 42 | 41 | Marine Mid | 72 | 68¾ | Whirlpool | 22¾ | 24 |
| Columb Gas | 42 | 39½ | Mt Marrietta | 35¾ | 37¾ | Woolworth | 31½ | 32¾ |
| Cmb'tn Eng | 26 | 26¼ | Masco | 20½ | 19¾ | Xerox Cp | 50¾ | 52½ |
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| Cont Data | 21 | 19½ | Merck | 163 | 161½ | | | |
| Corning Gl | 43¾ | 44¾ | Minsta Mng | 55¾ | 55½ | | | |
| Crane | 18¾ | 18½ | Mobil | 36¾ | 37¾ | | | |
| Curtiss Wrt | 49 | 49½ | Monsanto | 60¾ | 60½ | | | |
| Deta Genl | 19¾ | 20¾ | Morgan Jp | 36 | 37¼ | | | |
| Deere Co | 25 | 23¾ | Motorola | 41 | 38½ | | | |
| Delta Air | 35¾ | 36 | NCR | 54½ | 53¾ | | | |
| Detroit Edi | 14¼ | 14¾ | NL Indstrs | 5¾ | 6¾ | | | |
| Digital Eq | 125¾ | 116¾ | Nat Distil | 49¾ | 51½ | | | |
| Disney | 48¾ | 48 | Nat Md Ent | 17¾ | 18¾ | | | |
| Dow Chem | 66 | 64¾ | Nat Semi | 11¼ | 10¾ | | | |
| Dressr Ind | 20½ | 19¾ | Norfolk Sth | 21¾ | 23½ | | | |
| Dupont | 85¾ | 86 | NW Bancrp | 33½ | 33¾ | | | |
| Duke Pwr | 47¾ | 48¼ | Occid Petl | 24¾ | 25 | | | |
| East Kodak | 52¾ | 51¼ | Ogden Cp | 24¾ | 24 | | | |
| Eaton Cp | 58¾ | 58½ | Olin Cp | 32¾ | 35¾ | | | |
| Emerson El | 28¾ | 29¾ | PPG Ind | 28¾ | 29¾ | | | |
| Emery Air | 4½ | 4¾ | Pac Gas El | 17½ | 17¾ | | | |
| Exxon | 40¾ | 43 | Pan Am | 3 | 3¼ | | | |
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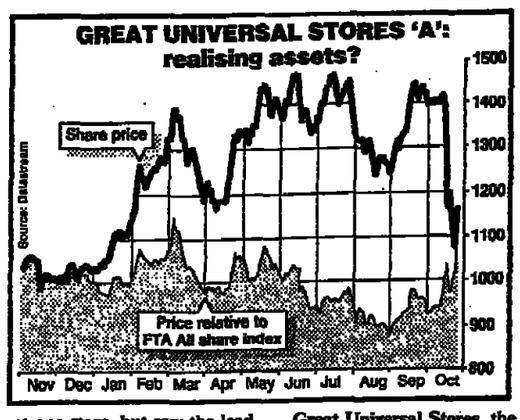
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| Algoma Stl | 14½ | 15½ |
| Can Pacific | 19¼ | 19¾ |
| Cominco | 12 | 13¾ |
| Con Bathrst | 13½ | 14½ |
| Hawk S Can | 19 | 19 |
| Hud Bay M | 19¼ | 19¾ |
| Imasco | 24½ | 25¼ |
| Imperial Oil | 59 | 60 |
| Int Pipe | 41½ | 42¾ |
| Royl Trstco | 13¼ | 13¾ |
| Seagram | 66 | 67¾ |
| Shelco 'A' | 33¾ | 34¼ |
| Thmsn N 'A' | 23 | 23 |
| Varity Cp | 2¼ | 2¾ |
| WCI | 14¼ | 14¼ |
| Weston | 28¼ | 28¼ |

STOCK MARKETS

# Equities rise and dealers believe worst may be over

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster




There was a faint air of optimism in the stock market yesterday which led many dealers to believe that the worst of the crisis may now be over.

Share prices made a steady start despite further falls on financial markets in the Far East overnight and despite the absence of the expected half-point cut in base rates. Brokers reported selective support for the quality stocks, many of which appear to have been oversold. Fund managers have now resigned themselves to the BP issue going ahead but turnover remained thin with few of them prepared to chase prices sharply higher.

According to many traders, conditions are still nervous. "The situation could change at anytime," said one leading broker.

But most dealers agreed that yesterday's performance was the best by the London stock market since the shake-out began almost two weeks ago and, providing there are no real horror stories on account day on Monday, the market could look forward to further selective support.

The FT-SE 100 share index, up 34.6 at its best, closed 23.6 points higher at 1,682.0, helped by the news of a firm start to trading on Wall Street. The market seemed determined that the index would not fall below the 1,600 level. The narrower FT 30 share index finished 14.9 points up at 1,303.4.

Government securities closed below their best levels as the Government moved to dispel hopes of an early cut in base rates. Prices at the longer end were up by more than £1¼ at one stage, but saw the lead trimmed to £⅝ by the close.

The nine-month figures from ICI were badly received but failed to shake market sentiment. There was American support for stocks like Glaxo, up 48p at £11.13 and Hanson Trust, 6p better at 130p.

The few buyers brave enough to test conditions yesterday were naturally inclined to be highly selective with their purchases. Most of them have now had a chance to take stock of the situation.

Worried by the prospect of a drawn-out bear market, most of them are looking for cheap, long-term investments among the quality stocks. The recent collapse in share prices has meant that a lot of them are looking cheap. Shares with solid yields and those trading at a discount to their asset values are obviously high on most shopping lists.

Great Universal Stores, the mail order to Scotch House and Burberrys stores group, has been one stock attracting attention which is, perhaps, why it has not suffered as badly as some of its rivals in the shake-out.

Last night, the GUS ordinary shares closed unchanged at £20.25, while the all-important "A" rose by 8p to £11.58. The "A" have been as high as £14.75 this year.

Dealers believe that GUS is in a category to that of similar companies, like Pearson, with a broad spread of interests and strong assets. There has been some talk during the past few weeks that the directors are now attempting to make these assets work even harder.

GUS has also been doing well on the trading front although its link with Harris Queensway does not appear to have been the success at first envisaged.

The possibility of a bid can be thrown in for nothing.

Another company which was attracting support after its share price slipped below its asset value was Whitbread "A," up 11p at 285p.

But the big four banks, which would normally also be considered cheap, spent a mixed day. The clearing banks remain overshadowed by their exposure to overseas debts. Barclays Bank rose by 10p to 473p, while Midland Bank advanced 8p to 358p. Lloyds Bank closed unchanged at 255p and National Westminster Bank eased 2p to 568p.

Bank of Scotland continued its recovery, rising by a further 10p to 478p. Investors, having watched the shares plummet from about the £6 level during last week's carnage, have decided during the past couple of days that the fall has been overdone.

The bank is not exposed to Third World debt or the troubled US market and stands on a good yield. Dealers believe the shares currently represent excellent value.

Standard Chartered, the London-based international banking group, in which Mr Robert Holmes à Court is the deputy chairman and sits on a stake of just under 15 per cent, succumbed to nervous selling and fell by 38p to 488p, which compares with the year's high of 842p.

The collapse of world stock markets — including Australia's — in recent days and the huge paper losses being incurred by big entrepreneurs like Mr Holmes à Court has prompted worries that he might decide to reduce his shareholding in Standard in order to raise cash.

**Shares of LWT, the television group, advanced by 13p to 813p in the wake of the recent excellent results. County NatWest, the broker, rates them inexpensive and a good defensive counter in the current volatile market conditions. The company's trading outlook is good and the financial position excellent.**

HONG KONG

# Li resigns from board of futures exchange

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

Mr Ronald Li, stock exchange chairman, yesterday resigned from the board of the Hong Kong futures exchange in a series of moves to strengthen the Crown Colony's troubled exchange.

The government and financial institutions have had to put together a HK$4 billion (£300 million) package to keep the futures market afloat, after the worldwide plunge in share prices threatened a massive default by its members.

A statement from the futures exchange said: "Mr Li felt in his position as chairman of the stock exchange of Hong Kong it was necessary that he should devote his full time and energy to the affairs of the stock exchange."

Four days ago Mr Li resigned as vice-chairman of the futures exchange and Dr Kim Cham stepped down as chairman.

The Hang Seng index fell further yesterday. It dropped 228 points in the first 45 minutes of trading, and ended the day 165.64 points, or 6 per cent, down at 2,204.52.

SYDNEY

# Foreign sellers prompt massive falls all round

From Richard Battley, Sydney

A plunging currency — the Australian dollar lost 3.50 US cents to 67.50 US cents — sent the All Ordinaries index to a nadir of 1,285 points. In 10 trading days, this key barometer has fallen almost 1,000 points.

More than Aus$10 billion (£3.87 billion) was slashed off the value of shares amid heavy selling by foreign traders, particularly the British and Japanese.

"It was a 'Sell Australia' day," said Mr Eric Gale of the broker Aude Minnett after Wednesday's record 72.3-point rise was wiped out.

Entrepreneurial stocks again bore the brunt: Mr Robert Holmes à Court's Bell Group was savaged by a turnover of 3 million shares, falling Aus$1.50 to a year's low of Aus$2.60.

Mr Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation lost Aus$1 to Aus$10.50. Mr Larry Adler's FAI Insurance lost 90 cents to Aus$4.40 and Mr Ron Brierley's Industrial Equity dropped 35 cents to Aus$2.25.

FRANKFURT

# Dollar's sharp decline spurs retail selling

Frankfurt (Reuter) — Share prices ended a nervous and hectic session on the bourse lower but off their worst levels, with retail investors starting to sell shares amid another sharp decline in the value of the dollar, dealers said.

Foreigners, who had unloaded German shares on Wednesday, remained largely sidelined. But dealers said if the dollar continued to fall, foreigners were likely to sell more shares.

The dollar fell to DM1.7360 at the fix, down on the DM1.7491 official settingon Wednesday. The Bundesbank bought $49.5 million at the fix after $19.6 million the previous day.

Dealers said the dollar's fall was hitting German exporters.

The Commerzbank index of 60 leading shares fell 69.80 points to 1,427.1 points.

# Crash costs Dublin nearly £1.78bn

From John Cooney
Dublin

Almost Ir£2 billion (£1.78 billion) in share values has been wiped off the Dublin stock market since the start of the current crash.

During the past two years, the Irish equity market has performed better than British and US markets. So, naturally, it has experienced a sharp fall as part of the global shake-out.

The total fall, from Ir£6.25 billion to Ir£4.5 billion, has had a colossal impact on a small market influenced so strongly by British and American trends.

Particularly badly affected are the big companies of the Dublin stock market — Smurfit, Waterford Glass and CRH, which, between them, account for 40 per cent of stocks.

Since October 16, Ir£580 million has been wiped off the value of Smurfit shares. This is a 42 per cent drop.

Waterford Glass has lost Ir£150 million. This a 26.5 per cent drop.

CRH, which is down 24.5 per cent, has suffered a loss of Ir£140 million.

The two main banks — Allied Irish and the Bank of Ireland — have also been among the losers.

Dealers said that the broad range of second division stocks had lost about 60 per cent in value. The third layer had not been hit severely because there was little trading in these. The fall in share prices is not expected to halt new share issues.

National and City Brokers, which has specialized in the new issue market, launched Classic Thoroughbreds the day after the start of the crash.

But the company, which is backed by Mr Vincent O'Brien and Robert Sangster, managed to trade at the issue price and held that level.

Unable to match the influence of Washington or London, the Irish government remains more concerned with bringing interest rates down than with the fall in the Dublin stock market.

The central aim of government strategy has been to restore a climate of confidence in the country's economic recovery.

As an essential response to Ireland's Ir£25 billion debt burden, the government has introduced the most severe cuts in public expenditure in 30 years.

TEMPUS

# ICI's balm for market jitters

The jittery market could not have coped with anything other than good figures from ICI, so there was a sigh of relief to see them up to expectations.

All divisions traded well, including a useful turnround in the farm sector. Full-year profits of £1.3 billion are virtually in the bag.

But the big question is: What will happen to profits in 1988? ICI is virtually unrecognizable from the commodity-oriented group which lumbered into the 1980s, and can now be more fleet of foot with 60 per cent of its business in value-added "effect" chemicals.

But the recent acquisition drive has increased exposure to the US economy, now accounting for 25 per cent of annualized sales.

Businesses not directly sensitive to the main economic cycle, agro-chemicals and pharmaceuticals, account for two-fifth of the total and paints, surprisingly recession-proof, make up another fifth. But a steep US recession would not go unnoticed.

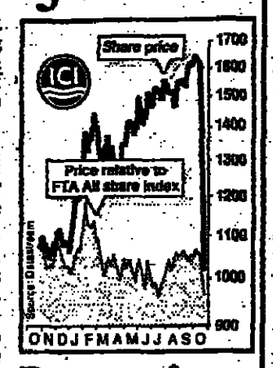
Moreover, a weakening dollar will not only erode profits on translation but could also lead to a bulk chemical imports flood from the US into Europe. There is, however, a tighter supply and demand balance, compared with the overcapacity prevalent in the early 1980s.

It is too early to expect any signs of slowing demand but even the gloomiest pundits would not expect customers to destock for quite some time, if at all.

There has been a surprising lack of selling from the American Depository Receipts camp, accounting for about 11 per cent of the shares, but some US institutions now deal in London direct and may been dragging the price down.

There is still a huge degree of uncertainty about 1988 and it may be well into the new year before any firm evidence will be available to justify a share price recovery.

Meantime, even moderate gearing (30 per cent of shareholders' funds) and a low share price prevent ICI from snapping up vulnerable prey.




## Bennett & Fountain

While the winds blow across the stock exchange and others are fearful of expansion, Bennett & Fountain is holding up its head and marching forward. With year-end results now out of the way, the Pomper family, already a significant holder, is tempted to buy even more shares. And at the grass roots level, the retail branch network continues to expand.

The group, involved at the wholesale and retail ends of the electrical goods and domestic appliance markets, has just added a further 41 outlets to the retail network, making a total of 61, to complement its 37 wholesale outlets and is clearly poised for further profits growth this year.

In the year ended June 30, pretax profits rose from a restated £1.5 million to £2.7 million after seeing margins of 30 per cent on the wholesale side and margins of 27 per cent from the retail end.

The key to further profits growth this year lies in squeezing even more productivity out of the business and in fuller benefits — which have only just started to flow — from the recent spate of acquisitions.

Bennett & Fountain has now virtually wrapped up its acquisition of Central Equipment, the electrical retailing and rental group through which it will be able to extend its stock profile.

On profit expectations of £5 million this year and at yesterday's 40p share price, the downside risk looks fairly limited.

# Cooper facelift

Frederick Cooper has had a radical facelift since January last year, when new management took over.

Gearing has come down from an unsustainable 140 per cent to a mere 5 per cent. Two lossmakers have been sold, raising £2.25 million, and 12 new businesses acquired.

The result has been a 95 per cent hike in pretax profit to £3.95 million and an even more impressive 125 per cent jump in earnings per share. Acquisitions accounted for the lion's share of profits, but Cooper's original companies managed to improve their profits by 117 per cent to £1.35 million.

The company is all set to go on to greater glories. Although it may be some time before ambitions of becoming a BTR lookalike are realized, there are plenty of medium term opportunities for a diversified industrial holding company.

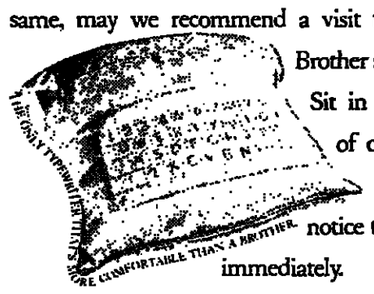
The shake-out in the stock market has put back thoughts of issuing paper for acquisitions, but Cooper can still spend up to £4 million in cash without breaching its internal limit of 40 per cent gearing.

Prices of private companies are expected to come back in line with quoted companies. Cooper does not believe in overpaying — the highest exit multiple of its recent acquisitions was nine times earnings. Dilution will not be countenanced except in exceptional circumstances.

Order books are standing at a record £12 million and the company looks set to earn profits of £4.7 million this year. The prospective p/e, on shares up 5p at 153p, is an undemanding 10.6.


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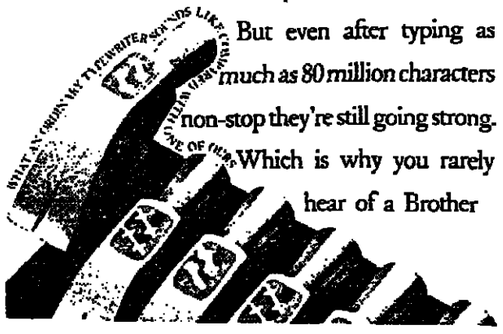
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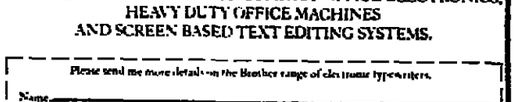



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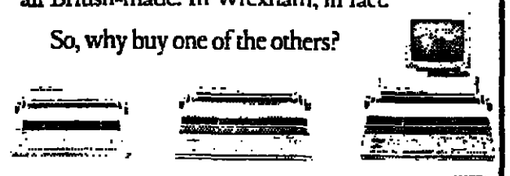

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# Concern grows as Holmes à Court loses millions of dollars on shares

By Bailey Morris in Washington and Richard Thomson in London

Concern mounted in Britain and the US yesterday that the heavy losses incurred by leading Australian investors during the share price collapse could cause serious financial disruption.

Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the Australian businessman hardest hit with losses of tens of millions of dollars daily for most of the past 10 days, is understood to be considering suing Merrill Lynch, the New York financial services group, for withdrawing Bell Resources' Aus$1 billion (£440 million) convertible bond issue last week. He is also believed to have dropped plans to purchase newspapers from John Fairfax, the Australian publishing group.

The value of his 27 per cent stake in Broken Hill Proprietary, the Australian mining group, dropped by about £85 million as the company's shares fell 50 cents. They are now near the level at which he bought them.

The shares of his own company, Bell Group, have plunged 34 per cent to Aus$2.60 since the Australian stock market began falling, while Bell Resources, in which it has a majority shareholding, has dropped 20 per cent to Aus$1.40.

He also has large holdings in Texaco, the US oil company, whose shares have fallen by about US$11, and Standard Chartered Bank, which is down to 455p from £8 when he bought the shares. His loss on Standard alone comes to £52 million.

Analysts at James Capel, the stockbroker, said: "With borrowings of Aus$2.8 billion, Mr Holmes à Court is now in the hands of his bankers. He is not in trouble yet, but if the market falls another 20 per cent he might be."



Elliott: flotation shelved



Holmes à Court: worries

Standard Chartered is believed to have the largest exposure of any bank to Mr Holmes à Court. Worries about the bank were reflected yesterday in a 38p fall in its shares on a day when other bank shares were rising or holding steady.

Standard is heavily exposed in the Far East, including Hong Kong, where its second-largest shareholder, Sir Yue-Kong Pao — with nearly 15 per cent — is based. Sir Y-K is also a long-standing customer of Standard Bank.

The potential problems facing Standard, and the deterioration in Mr Holmes à Court's financial position, have probably put paid to his plan to purchase more of Standard if the Bank of England gives him permission.

Meanwhile, it is understood that the flotation of Courage Breweries by Mr John Elliott's Elders IXL, the Australian brewer, has been shelved. The flotation, which would have valued Courage at more than £1 billion, is one of several share issues dropped as share prices plummeted.

● BHP is paying US$393 million (£230 million) for Volvo's 49.6 per cent stake in Hamilton Oil, the US oil group with sizeable assets in the North Sea British sector.

The deal will give BHP, which is committed to boosting its international presence, the exposure it has long sought in the North Sea and increase its involvement in the Texan oil market.

The Swedish carmaker had said this month it was considering selling the stake.

# 'Alter record' plea by Delors rejected

From Our Correspondent, Strasbourg

M Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, yesterday tried and failed to have the official minutes of the European Parliament altered, after his remarks on US exchange rate policies sent the dollar plunging on the New York market.

The move was foiled at the last minute when Lord Plumb, president of the European Parliament, had the doctored minutes withdrawn and the verbatim text reinstated.

M Delors added to the panic of the currency markets on Wednesday night after he told Parliament: "Let's not have any illusions. The Americans are prepared to let it (the dollar) fall to DM 1.60."

In the embarrassment that followed, M Delors' chief adviser, M Pascal Lamy, rushed to the telephone telling news agencies that M Delors had not meant to make such a blunt statement.

M Lamy put out an official text of the speech, from which M Delors had departed.

Mr George Stevenson, the British Labour MEP, commented: "If M Delors' self-fulfilling prophecy comes true, it would add up to a pound to every family budget."

# New crisis warning by OECD

The head of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development has warned of the possiblity of a further collapse of share prices.

M Jean-Claude Paye, the secretary general of the OECD, said in Dublin that international co-operation is more important than ever. It was vital for governments to confine events to the stock markets.

M Paye told the Irish Federated Union of Employers that many people in Wall Street were scared of the amount of money involved in daily operations there.

# MEPs urge US to cut budget deficit

From Jonathan Brande, Strasbourg

The European Parliament yesteday demanded a cut in the US budget deficit and called for policies to stimulate growth in Japan and West Germany, in an emergency motion on the stock market crisis.

Members also voted for co-operation between European countries to co-ordinate growth and called on the industrialized nations to lower interest rates together and to encourage job-creating investments.

Mr Ben Patterson, the British Conservative MEP, said the West was now faced with a fundamental choice between protectionism, exchange controls and isolation on the one hand and international co-operation on the other.

"The crash will have been worth it, if it has taught us the need for co-operation."

As official spokesman for the Conservative members, Mr Patterson called for sterling to join the European Monetary System and said the European Currency Unit must become a reserve currency.

His Labour counterpart, Mr Barry Seal, called for a ban on privatization and Europe-wide reflation of the economy.

# Prudential use of funds wins race

A cheque for £779,856 — the sum raised in the first Holborn Great Investment Race — was presented to Charity Projects by Mr Mick Newmarch, chairman of Prudential Holborn Unit Trusts, yesterday. Six teams of stockbrokers and investment managers took part in the year-long race.

The aim was to see which team could raise most profit for charity, using an interest-free loan of £35,000 from Prudential. The clear winner, announced by Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange, was the Prudential Portfolio Managers' team, which raised £346,229.27, after returning the £35,000 stake.



Winning duo: Ted Williams (left) and Trevor Pullen (right), the team from Prudential Portfolio Managers, with Sir Nicholas Goodison, Stock Exchange chairman.

# Profits up to £1.35m at Brikat

Brikat Group, the computer software company which closed or sold several loss-makers in the year to July 31, believes its balance sheet is now stronger and that full provision for all rationalization costs has been made.

For the full year, the company reported a pretax profit of £1.35 million compared with £1.13 million the previous financial year, but the final dividend is being cut from 2.5p to 1.85p a share. The interim dividend was also trimmed, making 2.6p for the year against 4.2p last time.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

# A little local difficulty for Sir John Read

A small cloud of uncertainty has settled over the TSB's projected £777 million takeover of Hill Samuel. It has come about with the market's fall — understandably because any major deal arranged at prices that suddenly seem to belong to a golden age that may have passed has to be re-examined. That said, the TSB-Hill Samuel agreement is more likely to be honoured than not.

TSB shareholders can have their say at Monday's extraordinary meeting, but with institutional shareholders holding 25 per cent of TSB (as well as Hill Samuel shares) the risk of an adverse vote is minimal. The only real threat to the bid is a change of mind on the part of the TSB board. That, too, is unlikely.

The takeover makes commercial sense, basically because Hill Samuel's financial services can be plugged into TSB's huge customer base. TSB's future growth depends on selling more products to its customers. The outlook for profits is dull but with Hill Samuel functioning as part of the group, earnings would grow.

While there are some good managers in TSB who are now coming to the surface, the management needs to be sharpened — a process which an in-form Hill Samuel relieved of the traumas and disharmony of the past could accelerate.

If the bid goes through, the benefits to TSB are potentially quite exciting. If it fails, it would be a setback to TSB's plans to develop its operations. Sir John Read would gain marks for trying and brief sympathy because the bid had fallen victim to adverse stock market movements. But it is hard to see how TSB can achieve its objectives quickly without Hill Samuel.

The effect on Hill Samuel of the bid's falling through could be disastrous. Morale would suffer and the share price, which has held up because of the TSB offer of 810p a share, would slump in line with the rest of the sector.

In contrast with Hill Samuel, Morgan Grenfell and Kleinwort have suffered drastic declines. Hill Samuel closed 15p up yesterday at 750p, so the cloud may be clearing. The impact of failure would seriously concern the Bank of England, which is keen to see the TSB solution of Hill Samuel's problems.

The Hill Samuel board has stated publicly that there is no future for the group as an independent entity. It would find itself again in the positon of looking for a new parent. It is said that the Hill Samuel board turned down Saatchi & Saatchi's offer of about 750p on the grounds that the price was not enough. If the TSB left the field, Hill Samuel would need to lower its expectations radically.

TSB owns 29.9 per cent of Hill Samuel shares already, and would stand to make a huge loss if the bid were withdrawn. This in itself should encourage TSB shareholders to vote the merger through.

# SIT safely in Scotland

This year the Scottish Investment Trust is looking back over 100 years as a pioneer and subsequently a pillar of the investment trust industry. Early this week, while the masonry of the stock market was falling dangerously around them, an imposing group of City figures gathered at the House of Lords to celebrate with Angus Grossart and his fellow SIT directors. If there were any nervousness among them it was either not apparent or rapidly dispelled by the principal guest, Lord Grimond, who combines liberalism, Scottishness and a sense of humour in attractive proportions.

He perceives the virtues of Scottish investment trusts as "refusing to engage in short sprints and their ability to keep up a certain respectability." This has led him by impeccable logic to the conclusion "that the only way to beat the market is a good old Scottish investment trust." In particular an Edinburgh trust — and here the logic is more obscure — because in Edinburgh "they are deeply averse to selling you anything. The young Grimond has never forgotten being taken to a Princes Street emporium in pursuit of a pair of trousers, presumably not just any pair of trousers, only to be told by stern tail-coated figures: "We are always being asked for them — and we never have them." Nothing fancy from Edinburgh stockbrokers either: "Savings certificates for you Grimond," thus him from disaster.

SIT, as Angus Grossart confirmed, "is not in the fashion business. We have talented people who know where they stand and what their objectives are. We can do whatever we want, go wherever we want to produce results." His own distinctive contributions to SIT are flexibility in its investment thinking, and to emphasize the value of investing in people.

As chairman, he follows in a fascinating line, notably Thomas Johnstone Carlyle Gifford, chairman for 32 years, and in the words of Jack Webster, who has written a history, "a man of such impeccable judgement that he found more than his share of fools who were not to be suffered gladly."

More human, I suspect, was the first chairman, John Dick Peddie, Edinburgh architect and Member of Parliament. "It was said," Mr Webster observes, "that no man could equal Peddie in the finely-tuned presentation of a balance sheet." Where would so many companies be if in their beginnings and at judiciously chosen times thereafter they neglected the art of creative accounting!

# Spanish find could hit mercury price

By Colin Narbrough

Hopes of a rise in the price of mercury after a dismal decade may have been dashed after the biggest western supplier announced it had discovered a big low-cost deposit.

Spain's Minas de Almaden y Arrayenes said yesterday it had found a rich deposit near its existing mines at Almaden, southern Spain, with exploitable reserves of 21,000 tonnes at less than half normal extraction costs. World production of prime mercury last year was only about 7,250 tonnes, a 10-year peak.

Mercury has suffered from weak demand growth, mainly because of concern about its toxicity. This in turn has brought increasing volumes of redistilled mercury from redundant industrial processes back on to an over-supplied market.

In September last year, the price dropped to $115 (£67) a 34.5 kilo flask in Europe — its lowest for nearly 10 years. Spot prices in London at present are about $300.

Mercury is mainly used for batteries. The standard type is the alkaline dry-cell with a mercury oxide cathode, which gives a highly marketable constant voltage and long shelf-life.

Roskill, the minerals analyst, says world demand for the virgin metal, as opposed to the recycled, is forecast to rise by 1.2 per cent a year to 7,200 tonnes in 1990 and 8,130 tonnes by the year 2000.

It foresees many mines re-opening if growth in demand boosts prices. Recycled mercury is, however, likely to satisfy most of the demand.

Key factors affecting demand are battery consumption, the closure of electrolysis plants using mercury cathodes and sales by the Eastern bloc. Another factor will be the success of Almaden in achieving its target price of $400 a flask for virgin mercury.

Señor Jesus Martin Seco, Almaden's chairman, said the new mine could be in production in three years' time and would raise total mercury reserves to the equivalent of 23.5 per cent of proven world reserves.

Extraction costs at the new mine would average $87 a flask.

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| Share Bought | Date Bought | Date Sold | Bought at | Sold at | Capital* after sale |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Twinlock | 3/8/83 | 5/10/83 | 41p | 71p | £5,680 |
| Hampton Trust | 19/11/83 | 19/10/84 | 25p | 35p | £9,143 |
| Samuelson Group | 14/11/84 | 23/10/85 | 455p | 755p | £13,357 |

*An allowance of 4½% has been made for dealing costs.

After this major success you decided not to put all your eggs in one basket. So you spent £12,607 buying Lanca at 17½p, keeping back £760 to take a small plunge with WSL (another profitable prospect), buying 2000 shares at 38p. But whoops! Seeing the share drop to 37p after a month a feeling of panic made you sell — losing you £54. If you had waited a few more weeks you would have taken a profit of £290. Then on July 10, you decided to sell Lanca at 40p, yielding you £27,519, and you resolved to go back in at the earliest opportunity.

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| Share Bought | Date Bought | Date Sold | Bought at | Sold at | Capital* after sale |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Owen Owen | 4/9/85 | 6/11/85 | 498p | 538p | £46,156 |
| Southend Stadium | 13/11/85 | 11/12/85 | 77p | 94p | £53,812 |
| Cosmetic Ext Appl | 11/12/85 | 19/2/86 | 167p | 217p | £66,775 |
| WPP Group | 26/2/86 | 19/3/86 | 388p | 478p | £76,561 |
| Stat Plus Group | 2/4/86 | 18/9/86 | 278p | 348p | £94,474 |
| Lee Cooper | 1/10/86 | 7/1/87 | 238p | 388p | £128,818 |
| Nottingham Brick | 7/1/87 | 11/2/87 | 307p | 395p | £144,695 |
| Wickes | 11/2/87 | 25/3/87 | 248p | 345p | £188,537 |

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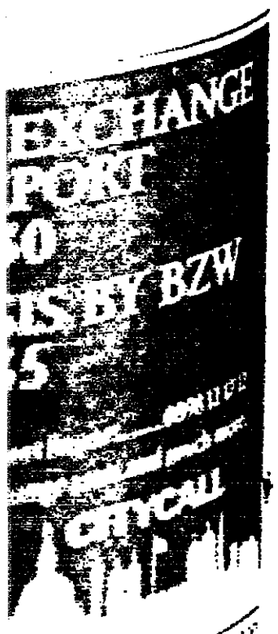
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# 'Animal' at home in captivity

Tony "The Animal" Parnes, the former Laing & Cruickshank half-commission man, may not have been a member of the City's old school tie network, but he has, I hear, adapted remarkably quickly to dormitory life after his arrest in California. While Ernest Saunders, Gerald Ronson and other members of the old Guinness inner sanctum have had to suffer the indignity of surrendering their passports, they should perhaps spare a sympathetic thought for Mr Parnes. Still facing extradition to Britain, where he is wanted on four charges of falsifying documents, Mr Parnes, a man accustomed to the finer things in life — he recently sold his £5 million Hampstead mansion — is apparently holed up in dormitory J4 with 129 other inmates, all awaiting trial or sentence, in Terminal Island Correctional Institute, on a peninsula south of Los Angeles. Described by wardens as an "open population", they are allowed to wander at will around the prison during the day, but are locked up at night. One warder I spoke to said Mr Parnes appeared "restless and bored" — all fellow inmates have jobs within the prison but Parnes has yet to be allocated one. "We're thinking of putting him in the pot and pan room," he said, "to do food service." To you and me that apparently means washing-up.




## Fall guys

British building analysts besporting themselves in America this week to view the now extensive interests of both Redland and Tarmac, are, I hear, having an unexpectedly relaxing time. Analysts normally work hard on such trips to get to the heart of the operations they are visiting, telephoning their offices frequently with penetrating insights into the earnings potential of their hosts. Whilst generating business for the brokers, this ploy also justifies time spent away from the office. But the events of the last fortnight have made investors steer well clear of any British company with US exposure. The businesses being visited are, however, in Maryland and Virginia, renowned for their beauty in the fall, and so the analysts will, for once, have little to do except enjoy themselves.



"And when did you first feel this urge to apply for BP shares?"

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

## Hair-raising losses

**Wall Street workers will soon have a lot more to worry about than the value of their share portfolios. Larry Lerner, a doctor in the vicinity of New York's troubled financial district, reports that business in his practice has doubled in the past week, with a dramatic increase in the number of headaches, backaches and palpitations. A Manhattan dermatologist says stress-caused herpes outbreaks are also on the increase. But for vain males, worse is still to come. The dermatologist says he expects to see a marked rise in another complaint: temporary hair loss.**

## Ms M&S

The appointment by Marks and Spencer chairman Lord Rayner of Baroness Young as the company's first woman director on its 17-strong board is clearly intended to placate the irate female shareholders who demanded to know at the annual meeting this year why the fairer sex — who, after all, most frequent M&S — were not represented. But, with all due respect to Baroness Young, it is disappointing that the first appointee has not come from within the company itself.

## One-way Streets

Nine senior executives of Addison Consultancy Group, one of the best known recruitment, advertising, design and public relations groups quoted on the stock market, have, I hear, resigned. The mass walk-out was triggered by the enforced resignations on Tuesday of Alistair Campbell-Harris and Dave Wright, respectively deputy chairman and managing director of the company's financial PR and marketing subsidiary, Streets Financial Strategy. The pair were apparently asked to resign by Michael Page, joint chief executive of the parent company, and founder of its recruitment division. Yesterday, seven of the remaining eight directors of Streets also handed in their notice — including chairman Leo Cavendish. Streets Financial, part of Chetwyn Streets, which merged with Addison Page in April last year, has lost a number of senior executives in the past 12 months and rumours have been rife for some time of a proposed management buy-out. Sources close to the company say that Campbell-Harris and Wright did put together a £3 million buy-out plan, backed by MIM, but the main board this week terminated the negotiations which had been going on since July. Expect news of the creation of a rival public relations firm soon . . .

● Overheard in a popular Wall Street powder-room: "This shake-out would never have happened if President Reagan had still been alive."

Carol Leonard

## BUSINESS SUMMARY

# Gatt seeks overdraft to cover US arrears

**The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade was yesterday forced to seek an overdraft to cover millions of dollars of arrears in contributions from the US, Italy and other members. The request for extra funds, submitted to the 95-member countries at a special meeting, coincided with its 40th anniversary.**

**The Reagan Administration, which has invested much hope in the new Gatt round on trade liberalization to counter protectionist sentiment in the US, has authorized an interim payment of $1.5 million (£880,000) of the $12.5 million it owes. The big gap in US payments is due to the dollar's fall against the Swiss franc. Gatt declined to specify how large an overdraft it was seeking, but a spokesman said it was short of SwFr700,000 (£280,000) to meet its commitments this month. The annual budget is about SwFr61 million.**

## BA agrees US hotel deal

**British Airways is planning to sign up hotel groups round the world to try to increase its share of the business traveller market. Its first agreement is with Marriott, one of the biggest US chains, making it the preferred hotel group for BA in North America where it has 165 hotels. BA has a similar deal with Marriott for Jordan and Egypt. BA said: "Marriott's lively and creative approach to marketing is just what we are looking for."**

## Burtonwood dips to £1.4m

**Burtonwood Brewery, faced with the challenge of trying to sell beer in the depressed North-west, is struggling. Interim results show pretax profits down from £1.7 million to £1.4 million, with sales dipping to £15.6 million. While disappointing, the company says the figures were better than expected and predicts business will pick up by year-end. Earnings per share fell to 4.7p from 5.9p, but the half-way dividend stays at 0.625p.**

## Memcom cuts losses

**Memcom International Holdings, the electronic filing systems group, has been cutting losses but not as fast as the directors would like. Mr Zohair Awartani, the chairman, reports a pretax deficit of £1.67 million for the year to end-April, against a £2.88 million loss previously, and admits the company was not able to attain its recovery target by the end of the year. There is no dividend.**

**However, all the objectives have been achieved and turnover in the first three months of the present year almost matched that of the second six months of 1986-87. Administration costs have been cut by a third, the Californian and Watford operations closed, the Middle East business reorganized and tighter business and financial disciplines have been applied. At the same time, 80 per cent of the debt has been converted into equity, relieving the group of £200,000 of interest charges. Mr Awartani says the benefits will become evident in 1987-88 as the recovery continues.**

## Estate agency deal at L&M

**The London and Manchester Group is extending its West Country estate agency network with the acquisition of *Fulfords (Estate Agents)*, for £6.5 million. Fulfords operates from 12 branches with 95 staff, and in the year to end-April made profits of £502,000 on a fee income of £2.02 million. The acquisition follows the purchase in August of the 16 Palmer & Snell offices in Somerset and Dorset. L&M now has 32 outlets.**

## Parkfield acquisition

**Mr Roger Felber's revamped foundry business, Parkfield Group, is paying up to £6.8 million for Cravenlodge and *its Eurocast International* Foundries offshoot. Parkfield is paying £4.8 million down, in shares, and will pay another £2 million if Cravenlodge meets certain profit targets. Mr John Carlsen and Mr John Lister, the Cravenlodge vendors, will keep their Parkfield shares with a view to being long-term holders.**

## Bank listing put off

**M Edouard Balladur, the French finance minister, reacted to sliding share prices by postponing the quotation on the Paris bourse of shares in Cie Financiere de Suez, the newly-privatized bank. The slump had prompted the government to postpone the privatization of Matra, the defence electronics group, and the sale of a stake in Air France. According to unofficial prices quoted in London, Suez risked becoming the first privatized French company to start trading below its issue price if the quotation had gone ahead.**

**Suez shares were due to be quoted from yesterday, but M Balladur said: "I have decided, because of the market situation, to postpone until next week the quotation of shares in Cie Financiere de Suez on the bourse." A finance ministry official said no new date had been set and it would depend on the state of the stock market. The all-share indicator on the Paris bourse fell nearly 10 per cent on Wednesday, matching *the historic 9.7 per cent plunge in share prices on October 19.***

# Losses double at C&S

By Michael Tate

*The scars from Mr Robert* Maxwell's surgical knife show up vividly in Central & Sheerwood's half-time trading statement. The group reports a doubled pretax loss of £2.1 million, against £1.08 million, although after an extraordinary profit relating to the group's disposals the figure is *reduced to £1.34 million*, representing 1.58p a share.

Mr Maxwell's proposals — which involved the acquisition by his companies of two loss-making C&S businesses, and a financial package including a £2.5 million equity injection — were approved in June.

C&S now consists of two main activities, AL Dunn, a leading aluminium foundry, and its design offshoot, and Coventry Apex, a non-ferrous castings machinist. They survived restructuring costs of £1.1 million to make profits of £930,000 over the period.

The board says it is considering proposals for capital expenditure on long-term development and broadening of these operations.

# Cash and carry has 8.3% increase in turnover to £4.45bn

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Cash-and-carry traders saw an *8.3 per cent increase in turn*over to £4.45 billion last year. This was a lower rise than the three previous years — 1985 saw the biggest rise, of 10.5 per cent — *but the decline in* inflation last year meant 1986 still saw a substantial increase in sales volume.

This still surprisingly healthy picture, from yesterday's Nielsen Marketing Research report on the trade, shows how cash and carry has been changing as its traditional customers, the small grocers, have come under increasing pressure from the bigger supermarket chains.

Among the main cash-and-carry businesses are Nurdin & Peacock, Linfood, Booker, Landmark, ICCG and Makro, the latter a leading exponent of the "department store" style of outlet with a wide variety of goods on offer.

Some of the latest cash-and-carry outlets not only have grocery halls but also sell goods like footwear, hardware, fashionwear, domestic electrical appliances and even fitted kitchens.

Cash-and-carry trade increased last year in all the main regions, according to Nielsen. The North also was the first region to show an increase, of 2.4 per cent, in the number of depots since 1982.

The trend in depot numbers has been for a decline as bigger *and more sophisticated* warehouses have increasingly superceded the older generation, thus accommodating increased volume in a smaller *number of units now increas*ingly equipped to deal with the latest trends in chilled food and other lines.

Because of the growing impact of the big supermarket chains the cash-and-carry business has been seeing declines in ranges like grocery, confectionery, liquor and health and beauty lines.

But offsetting that has been a number of factors. Catering supplies now loom much larger with supplies going to *hotels*, restaurants, clubs and public houses. More cash-and-carry outlets also have been willing to open their doors to the public. As a result catering *including sales to house*holders now accounts for more than 40 per cent of cash-and-carry business.

The growth in the popularity of convenience stores also appears to have brought more trade to the cash-and-carry outlets, even though some convenience chains use other sources of supplies, for instance directly from manufacturers or through delivery wholesalers.

*Cash & Carry 1987 Trade Report:£225* from Nielsen Marketing Research, Nielsen House, Headington, Oxford OX3 9RX.

## APPOINTMENTS

# Lady Young joins board of M&S

Marks and Spencer: **Baroness Young** has been made a non-executive director and Mr *Tony Orton* becomes a director.

Delta Group: Mr **Robert Easton** has been appointed deputy chief executive from *January 1* and chief executive from the following January 1.

Tim Arnold & Associates: Mr **Chris Bestley** becomes managing director.

CT Bowring Reinsurance: Mr **DJ Cooper**, Mr **JPI Duncanson**, Mr **SG Hayday**, Mr **RPJ Lacy**, Mr **JM Prince** and Mr **RJ Verner-Jeffreys** become directors.



Robert Easton, of Delta.

Manders (Holdings): Mr **Roy Amos** has been made chairman and Mr **Roger Akers** group chief executive while Mr **Peter Winfield** and Mr **Alan Dick** have joined the board as non-executive directors.

James Neill Holdings: Mr **Malcolm Cox** has joined the board.

Midsummer Leisure: Mr **Dick Steele** has been named finance director.

Schroder Investment Management: Mr **MF Dobbs**, Mr **AJ Hudson**, Mr **RA Mountford**, Mr **AW Rose**, Mr **JA Troizno** and Mr **PH Wolton** become assistant directors.

White Young Consulting Group: Mr **Russell Jones** has joined as director of development.

Watkins and Associates: Mr **Michael Cully** becomes a director.

Healey & Baker: Mr **Nicholas Knowland** and Mr **Robert Lipscombe** have joined the partnership.

Alan Stratford and Associates: Mr **Jeff Ody** has been made chairman.

## LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

| | Series | Calls Jan | Calls Apr | Calls Jul | Puts Jan | Puts Apr | Puts Jul |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Allid Lyon (*339) | 300 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 18 | 20 | 25 |
| | 330 | 40 | 45 | 55 | 25 | 32 | 40 |
| | 360 | 17 | 33 | 40 | 53 | 55 | 55 |
| Bass (*853) | 800 | 85 | 110 | 135 | 45 | 80 | 70 |
| | 850 | 58 | 85 | 105 | 65 | 85 | 95 |
| | 900 | 35 | 65 | 80 | 95 | 110 | 130 |
| Brit Air (*133) | 140 | 27 | 37 | 45 | 25 | 33 | 35 |
| | 160 | 15 | 25 | 35 | 35 | 40 | 45 |
| | 180 | 9 | 17 | 25 | 55 | 55 | 55 |
| Brit Com (*340) | 300 | 65 | 85 | 105 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| | 330 | 50 | 60 | 90 | 30 | 45 | 50 |
| | 360 | 30 | 50 | 60 | 45 | 55 | 65 |
| Brit Gas (*145) | 130 | 28 | 35 | 45 | 10 | 15 | 20 |
| | 140 | — | 28 | 33 | — | 22 | 38 |
| | 160 | — | 16 | 25 | — | 35 | 43 |
| BP (*261) | 240 | 43 | 50 | 60 | 18 | 27 | 33 |
| | 260 | 28 | 38 | 45 | 30 | 38 | 45 |
| | 280 | — | 30 | 37 | — | 50 | 55 |
| Bristol (*205) | 200 | 40 | 43 | 55 | 27 | 33 | 50 |
| | 220 | 30 | 37 | 45 | 40 | 52 | 52 |
| | 240 | 18 | 30 | 42 | 55 | 63 | 73 |
| Cons Gold (*805) | 750 | 140 | 175 | 210 | 40 | 70 | 100 |
| | 800 | 110 | 145 | 180 | 70 | 100 | 130 |
| | 850 | 85 | 115 | 150 | 110 | 140 | 170 |
| Courtauld (*325) | 330 | 35 | 45 | 65 | 40 | 40 | 50 |
| | 360 | 25 | 30 | 47 | 80 | 80 | 90 |
| | 390 | 15 | 20 | 30 | 80 | 85 | 90 |
| | 420 | 7 | 15 | 20 | 110 | 115 | 145 |
| Com Union (*323) | 300 | 55 | 70 | 80 | 33 | 40 | 45 |
| | 330 | 45 | 50 | 60 | 40 | 45 | 55 |
| | 360 | 25 | 35 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 70 |
| C & W (*290) | 260 | 65 | 80 | 105 | 15 | 30 | 55 |
| | 280 | 50 | 68 | 85 | 27 | 53 | 55 |
| | 300 | 40 | 55 | 65 | 40 | 60 | 60 |
| | 330 | 25 | 50 | 60 | 58 | 65 | 90 |
| GEC (*172) | 160 | 25 | 33 | 40 | 12 | 18 | 22 |
| | 180 | 15 | 23 | 30 | 22 | 30 | 37 |
| | 200 | 9 | 17 | 23 | 35 | 42 | 47 |
| GKN (*269) | 240 | 53 | 65 | 75 | 18 | 32 | 37 |
| | 260 | 42 | 53 | 63 | 27 | 40 | 47 |
| | 280 | 33 | 43 | 57 | 37 | 50 | 58 |
| Grand Met (*357) | 300 | 25 | 37 | 48 | 53 | 63 | 70 |
| | 360 | 35 | 50 | 65 | 30 | 45 | 59 |
| | 390 | 23 | 35 | 50 | 30 | 65 | 75 |
| | 420 | 13 | 28 | 43 | 70 | 85 | 85 |
| | 460 | 6 | 17 | 28 | 110 | 110 | 110 |
| ICI (*983) | 1000 | 115 | 140 | 170 | 100 | 120 | 140 |
| | 1050 | 90 | 120 | 150 | 125 | 145 | 165 |
| | 1100 | 70 | 100 | 125 | 160 | 170 | 185 |
| | 1150 | 55 | 90 | 110 | 190 | 200 | 210 |
| Jaguar (*298) | 280 | 60 | 70 | 85 | 30 | 40 | 60 |
| | 300 | 45 | 60 | 75 | 40 | 60 | 70 |
| | 330 | 35 | 40 | 65 | 65 | 75 | 95 |
| Land Sec (*430) | 420 | 40 | 50 | 65 | 43 | 52 | 57 |
| | 460 | 20 | 35 | 45 | 63 | 70 | 82 |
| | 500 | 12 | 25 | 35 | 88 | 95 | 105 |
| M & S (*203) | 200 | 24 | 34 | 40 | 17 | 24 | 30 |
| | 220 | 14 | 22 | 30 | 26 | 34 | 38 |
| | 240 | 8 | 13 | 22 | 44 | 48 | 50 |
| R-Royce (*126) | 120 | 25 | 35 | 45 | 18 | 20 | 23 |
| | 130 | 20 | 25 | 35 | 25 | 25 | 30 |
| | 140 | 10 | 18 | 28 | 30 | 35 | 40 |
| | 160 | 6 | 13 | 23 | 45 | 50 | 60 |
| Shell (*1033) | 1000 | 125 | 180 | 220 | 80 | 105 | 135 |
| | 1050 | 100 | 150 | 190 | 103 | 135 | 185 |
| | 1100 | 70 | 125 | 160 | 127 | 160 | 195 |
| Storehse (*271) | 260 | 35 | 48 | 58 | 15 | 22 | 27 |
| | 280 | 25 | 40 | 50 | 23 | 27 | 35 |
| | 300 | 18 | 33 | 42 | 38 | 45 | 48 |
| | 330 | 13 | 23 | 30 | 58 | 63 | 65 |
| Trafalgar (*298) | 280 | 36 | 55 | 70 | 18 | 22 | 32 |
| | 300 | 25 | 42 | 58 | 32 | 40 | 47 |
| | 330 | 12 | 30 | 45 | 50 | 57 | 65 |
| TSB (*107) | 110 | 15 | 22 | 26 | 14 | 18 | 22 |
| | 120 | 12 | 17 | 20 | 23 | 25 | 28 |
| | 130 | 6 | 11 | 14 | 30 | 32 | 33 |
| Woolworth (*310) | 280 | 45 | 65 | 75 | 20 | 25 | 40 |
| | 300 | 37 | 55 | 60 | 40 | 40 | 60 |
| | 330 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 55 | 50 | 65 |
| | 360 | — | 20 | — | — | 70 | — |

| | Series | Calls Dec | Calls Mar | Calls Jun | Puts Dec | Puts Mar | Puts Jun |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amstrad (*117) | 110 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 13 | 25 | 30 |
| | 120 | 25 | 35 | 40 | 20 | 30 | 35 |
| | 130 | 18 | 30 | 35 | 30 | 35 | 40 |
| Barclays (*470) | 420 | 85 | 105 | 115 | 30 | 40 | 50 |
| | 460 | 50 | 80 | 100 | 40 | 60 | 80 |
| | 500 | 30 | 55 | 75 | 55 | 65 | 75 |
| Beecham (*386) | 360 | 50 | 67 | 80 | 30 | 40 | 45 |
| | 390 | 37 | 53 | 65 | 47 | 58 | 62 |
| | 420 | 25 | 40 | 53 | 67 | 77 | 80 |
| | 460 | 14 | 30 | 40 | 100 | 105 | 110 |
| Boots (*240) | 220 | 38 | 50 | 60 | 13 | 20 | 23 |
| | 240 | 28 | 37 | 48 | 23 | 28 | 32 |
| | 260 | 15 | 25 | 35 | 35 | 40 | 42 |
| BTR (*233) | 220 | 40 | 53 | 60 | 14 | 25 | 35 |
| | 240 | 25 | 40 | 43 | 27 | 40 | 50 |
| | 260 | 16 | 30 | 38 | 42 | 55 | 65 |
| Blue Circ (*325) | 300 | 53 | 67 | 82 | 17 | 22 | 27 |
| | 330 | 35 | 47 | 60 | 28 | 32 | 37 |
| | 360 | — | 40 | 50 | — | 55 | 60 |
| Dixons (*256) | 240 | 15 | 25 | 33 | 16 | 20 | 25 |
| | 260 | 30 | 40 | 52 | 32 | 35 | 30 |
| | 280 | 20 | 30 | 42 | 35 | 38 | 42 |
| De Beers (*910) | 1050 | 140 | — | — | 60 | — | — |
| | 1100 | 100 | — | — | 100 | — | — |

| | Series | Calls Dec | Calls Mar | Calls Jun | Puts Dec | Puts Mar | Puts Jun |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| De Beers (*910) | 1200 | 70 | — | — | 160 | — | — |
| | 1300 | 40 | — | — | 230 | — | — |
| Glaxo (*1083) | 1050 | 110 | 140 | 170 | 80 | 110 | 140 |
| | 1100 | 90 | 120 | 150 | 105 | 130 | 170 |
| | 1150 | 70 | 100 | 130 | 140 | 160 | 200 |
| | 1200 | 50 | 85 | 115 | 175 | 190 | 230 |
| Hanson (*126) | 110 | 23 | 27 | 32 | 6 | 9 | 12 |
| | 120 | 17 | 21 | 25 | 10 | 15 | 18 |
| | 130 | 11 | 15 | 20 | 15 | 21 | 23 |
| | 140 | 6½ | 11 | 15 | 20 | 27 | 27 |
| Lonrho (*228) | 200 | 42 | 52 | 62 | 15 | 20 | 27 |
| | 220 | 33 | 40 | 50 | 25 | 33 | 38 |
| | 240 | — | 32 | 42 | — | 42 | 48 |
| | 260 | — | 22 | 35 | — | 52 | 58 |
| Midland (*355) | 360 | 45 | 75 | 85 | 35 | 55 | 65 |
| | 390 | 30 | 60 | 70 | 50 | 70 | 80 |
| | 420 | — | 40 | 55 | — | 90 | 95 |
| Sears (*130) | 120 | 20 | 27 | 25 | 10 | 13 | 16 |
| | 130 | 14 | 21 | 25 | 14 | 16 | 20 |
| | 140 | 9 | 16 | 17 | 20 | 23 | 26 |
| Tesco (*165) | 160 | — | 28 | 34 | — | 20 | 22 |
| | 167 | 16 | — | — | 20 | — | — |
| | 183 | 8 | 18 | — | 29 | 30 | — |
| Thorn EMI (*444) | 420 | 95 | 125 | 150 | 35 | 45 | 55 |
| | 460 | 70 | 100 | 120 | 55 | 70 | 80 |
| | 500 | 50 | 70 | 90 | 90 | 100 | 115 |
| | 550 | 20 | 40 | 65 | 125 | 135 | 140 |
| THF (*189) | 180 | 30 | 40 | 47 | 18 | 25 | 30 |
| | 200 | 18 | 27 | 35 | 30 | 38 | 45 |
| | 220 | 12 | 22 | 25 | 45 | 53 | 55 |
| Unilever (*468) | 420 | 75 | 100 | 110 | 28 | 40 | 45 |
| | 460 | 50 | 75 | 90 | 43 | 57 | 67 |
| | 500 | 32 | 50 | 65 | 70 | 80 | 87 |
| Wellcome (*313) | 300 | 45 | 60 | 75 | 35 | 45 | 50 |
| | 330 | 30 | 50 | 60 | 55 | 60 | 70 |
| | 360 | 20 | 37 | 50 | 75 | 80 | 85 |

| | Series | Calls Nov | Calls Feb | Calls May | Puts Nov | Puts Feb | Puts May |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BAA (*104) | 100 | 13 | 20 | 25 | 6 | 15 | 20 |
| | 110 | 8 | 17 | 22 | 15 | 23 | 30 |
| | 120 | 5 | 12 | 18 | 28 | 28 | 35 |
| Brit Aero (*389) | 360 | 40 | 60 | 75 | 25 | 35 | 50 |
| | 390 | 25 | 50 | 60 | 40 | 60 | 70 |
| | 420 | 10 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 75 | 85 |
| BAT Ind (*413) | 390 | 45 | 70 | 80 | 20 | 27 | 38 |
| | 420 | 28 | 50 | 65 | 40 | 45 | 55 |
| | 460 | 18 | 35 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 75 |
| | 500 | 9 | 20 | 33 | 95 | 100 | 105 |
| Brit Tele (*235) | 220 | 27 | 35 | 47 | 10 | 17 | 25 |
| | 240 | 12 | 25 | 47 | 17 | 27 | 35 |
| | 260 | 6 | 12 | 25 | 32 | 40 | 45 |
| Cadbury (*227) | 220 | 20 | 28 | 31 | 10 | 15 | 20 |
| | 240 | 12 | 17 | 20 | 23 | 25 | 27 |
| | 260 | 6 | 9 | 11 | 42 | 45 | 46 |
| Guinness (*253) | 240 | 28 | 40 | 50 | 13 | 20 | 28 |
| | 260 | 18 | 30 | 40 | 25 | 33 | 40 |
| | 280 | 10 | 23 | 33 | 43 | 48 | 53 |
| Ladbroke (*304) | 300 | 30 | 40 | 55 | 20 | 30 | 40 |
| | 330 | 15 | 25 | 35 | 40 | 50 | 58 |
| | 360 | 5 | 15 | 25 | 60 | 70 | 75 |
| LASMO (*245) | 240 | 27 | 45 | 55 | 23 | 32 | 40 |
| | 260 | 20 | 33 | 42 | 32 | 43 | 53 |
| | 280 | 13 | 25 | 35 | 42 | 50 | 63 |
| Pilkington (*209) | 180 | 37 | 47 | 60 | 12 | 17 | 22 |
| | 200 | 25 | 40 | 50 | 22 | 30 | 35 |
| | 220 | 12 | 30 | 40 | 35 | 43 | 48 |
| | 240 | 8 | 20 | 30 | 45 | 55 | 60 |
| Plessey (*144) | 140 | 22 | 30 | 40 | 15 | 23 | 27 |
| | 160 | 8 | 20 | 30 | 32 | 37 | 40 |
| | 180 | 5 | 13 | 18 | 43 | 47 | 52 |
| P & O (*485) | 420 | 75 | 93 | 108 | 10 | 18 | 25 |
| | 460 | 42 | 63 | 85 | 27 | 35 | 40 |
| | 500 | 22 | 45 | 65 | 43 | 52 | 57 |
| Prudential (*813) | 750 | 100 | 130 | 150 | 40 | 60 | 80 |
| | 800 | 60 | 100 | 120 | 65 | 80 | 95 |
| | 850 | 40 | 70 | 95 | 80 | 95 | 110 |
| Racal (*193) | 200 | 22 | 35 | 47 | 18 | 22 | 32 |
| | 220 | 13 | 25 | 35 | 32 | 40 | 48 |
| | 240 | 6 | 17 | 25 | 50 | 55 | 60 |
| RTZ (*329) | 300 | 50 | 100 | 120 | 15 | 40 | 55 |
| | 330 | — | 75 | 100 | — | 60 | 70 |
| | 360 | 15 | 55 | 80 | 55 | 80 | 85 |
| Vaal Reef (*101) | 380 | 12 | 40 | 65 | 70 | 95 | 100 |
| | 110 | 8 | 18 | 34 | 18 | 23 | 27 |
| | 120 | 5 | 14 | 19 | 23 | 28 | 33 |
| | 130 | 3 | 11 | 15 | 30 | 38 | 40 |
| Tr 11¾% 03/07 (£119) | 102 | 5¹⁄₃₂ | 5¹⁄₃₂ | — | ³⁄₃₂ | ³⁄₃₂ | — |
| | 1991 | 104 | 3¹⁄₃₂ | 3½ | — | ⁵⁄₃₂ | ⁹⁄₃₂ | — |
| | (£107) | 106 | 1³⁄₃₂ | 1¾ | — | ¹⁷⁄₃₂ | 1²⁷⁄₃₂ | — |
| | | 108 | 7²⁷⁄₃₂ | 7²⁷⁄₃₂ | — | 1⅝ | 2⅜ | — |
| Tr 11¾% 03/07 (£119) | 110 | 9¾ | 9¾ | 9¾ | ⅛ | 1¹⁄₁₆ | 1⁹⁄₁₆ |
| | 112 | 7⁹⁄₁₆ | 8²⁄₁₆ | 8²⁄₁₆ | ⅝ | 1⅛ | 2 |
| | 114 | 5⅝ | 6⅝ | 7⅜ | ¹⁷⁄₃₂ | 2⅜ | 2⅝ |
| | 116 | 4⅝ | — | 5 | ¹⁵⁄₁₆ | 3 | 3¹⁄₁₆ |
| | 118 | 2¹⁄₁₆ | 4⅝ | 5¼ | 2¹⁄₁₆ | 3⅝ | 4⁹⁄₁₆ |

FT-SE INDEX (*1675)

| Series | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1500 | 100 | 160 | 190 | 220 | 30 | 100 | 140 | 160 |
| 1650 | 60 | 150 | 165 | 200 | 30 | 120 | 160 | 180 |
| 1700 | 40 | 120 | 140 | 180 | 80 | 150 | 190 | 200 |
| 1750 | 10 | 100 | 130 | 160 | 120 | 200 | 230 | 240 |
| 1800 | 10 | 80 | 120 | 140 | 160 | 230 | 260 | 280 |
| 1850 | 10 | 50 | 100 | 130 | 200 | 270 | 300 | 320 |
| 1900 | 10 | 40 | 50 | 100 | 250 | 310 | 330 | 350 |
| 1950 | 10 | 50 | 50 | 90 | 300 | 350 | 370 | 380 |

October 29, 1987 Total: 34611 Calls 18920 Puts 15691 FT-SE: Calls 516 Puts 1207
*Underlying security price.

## TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

| First Dealings | Last Dealings | Last Declaration | For Settlement |
|---|---|---|---|
| October 19 | October 31 | January 21 | February 1 |

Call options were taken out on: 29/10/87 Butte Mining, Dixons, Hawley, Attwoods, Lex, Greenwich, Thames TV, Pilkington, EMAP, Western Mining, Ultramar, Cons Gold, Lonrho, Cable & Wireless, Reuters 'B', British Vita, Hobson, Hansons Tst., Barclays, Weir Group, TSB, Rotaprint, Hawthorne Lesley, Ferranti, Norex, Control Secs., York Tst., Polly Peck, GEC, Energy Cap., Amber day, Eagle Tst., Courtaulds, Smith & Nephew, W Canning, Chartsearch, Tarmac, New England Prop., SI Group, Burns Anderson, *North Kalgurli Mines, Fisher, BT, Blacks Leisure, Sound Diff., BP*, Racal, Storehouse, Tranwood, Baldwin, Glenrise, Beecham, Amstrad, BATS, Elswick, M Ford, Southend Stadium, Regentcrest.

## ALPHA STOCKS

| | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbey | 611 | CU | 890 | Laporte | 26 | Royal Bank | 1,603 |
| Allid-Lyons | 6,182 | Cons Gold | 1,610 | L&G | 210 | Royal Ins | 992 |
| Amstrad | 3,903 | Cookson | 189 | Lloyds | 1,222 | Saatchi | 1,434 |
| ASDA | 2,635 | Courtaulds | 1,571 | Lonrho | 963 | Sainsbury | 2,380 |
| AB Foods | 251 | Dalgety | 581 | Lucas | 707 | Scot & N | 1,426 |
| Argyll | 2,760 | Dee | 4,622 | Magnet | 174 | Sears | 6,898 |
| BAA | 1,359 | Dixons | 3,002 | M&S | 6,922 | Sedgwick | 560 |
| BET | 717 | ECC | 231 | Maxwl Com | 1,500 | Shell | 1,150 |
| BTR | 4,537 | Enterprise | 650 | MEPC | 414 | Smth & N | 1,574 |
| BAT | 6,413 | Ferranti | 3,429 | Metal Box | 453 | STC | 2,293 |
| Barclays | 1,391 | Fisons | 959 | Midland | 2,207 | Stan Chart | 646 |
| Bass | 1,611 | Gen Acc | 625 | NatWest | 1,651 | Storehse | 1,135 |
| Beecham | 3,418 | GEC | 10,585 | Next | 2,125 | Sun Allnce | 557 |
| Beazer | 2,053 | Glaxo | 3,120 | Nth Food | 739 | T & N | 266 |
| BICC | 463 | Globe | 581 | P&O | 839 | Tarmac | 1,029 |
| Blue Circle | 836 | Granada | 471 | Pearl | 279 | Tate & Lyle | 1,001 |
| BOC | 531 | Grand Met | 2,112 | Pearson | 135 | TSB | 8,830 |
| Boots | 3059 | GUS 'A' | 512 | Pilkington | 3,382 | Tesco | 3,653 |
| BPB | 1,713 | GRE | 800 | Plessey | 5,235 | Thorn EMI | 3,586 |
| Br Aero | 1,622 | GKN | 2,125 | Prudential | 396 | Trafalgar | 4,077 |
| Br Airways | 3,336 | Gunness | 1,791 | Racal | 5,350 | THF | 2,055 |
| Br Comm | 129 | Hamm 'A' | 327 | Rk Hovis | 666 | Ultramar | 570 |
| Br Gas | 20,274 | Hanson | 10,982 | Rank | 398 | Unigate | 387 |
| Br Petrol | 23,650 | Hawker | 805 | R&C | 456 | Unilever | 691 |
| Br Telecm | 6,627 | Hawley | 2,597 | Redland | 502 | United Bis | 2,936 |
| Bmtol | 1,075 | Hillsdown | 1,698 | Reed | 1,882 | Utd News | 929 |
| Bunzl | 634 | IMI | 1,024 | Reuters | 2,287 | Wellcome | 1,934 |
| Burmah | 684 | ICI | 5,550 | RMC Gp | 329 | Whitbrd | 924 |
| Burton | 1,946 | Jaguar | 3,416 | RTZ | 1,735 | Wiles Fab | 900 |
| C&W | 2,703 | Lasmo | 498 | R-Royce | 1,963 | Woolworth | 224 |
| Cadbury | 4,574 | Ladbroke | 912 | Rothmn 'B' | 1,262 | | |
| Coats | 698 | Land Sec | 1,526 | Rowntree | 401 | | |

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## RECENT ISSUES

**EQUITIES**

| | |
|---|---|
| Alba | 105 –7 |
| Amer Plastic (61p) | 65 |
| Anglo Leasing | 160 –5 |
| Banner Homes (105p) | 103 |
| Butte Mining (100p) | 95 –5 |
| Cauldon | 29 –1 |
| Chartsearch | 25 |
| Dolphin Packg (106p) | 123 –2 |
| Econ Forestry | 95 –6 |
| Explaura | 30 +½ |
| Glamar Gp | 213 |
| Guidehouse | 90 |
| ISA intl (80p) | 96 –4 |
| Kingston Oil (100p) | 98 +2 |
| Knobs Knockers | 100 |
| Lloyd Thomp (170p) | 170 –3 |
| Marcol Group | 80 |
| Power Corp | 80 |
| Record (88p) | 83 |
| Rolls-Royce (170p) | 129 +4 |
| Ross Consumer (165p) | 200 |
| Rural Plan | 100 +1 |
| Sec Archives | 178 –12 |
| Shaftsbury (180p) | 138 +3 |
| Stanhope Props (250p) | 163 –9 |
| Tubular Exhib | 24 +1 |
| URS Intl | 73 |
| USDC Inv | 138 +3 |
| Wiltshaw Secs | 25 –1 |
| Zetters Leis | 133 –2 |

**RIGHTS ISSUES**

| | |
|---|---|
| AC Hldgs N/P | 88 |
| Fletcher D N/P | 27 |
| Harmony Leis N/P | ¾ |
| Kleinwort Ben N/P | 4 |
| Lanca N/P | 3 –2 |
| Lifeshall N/P | 2 |
| Marina Dev N/P | 10¼ |
| Wace N/P | 4 |

(Issue price in brackets).

## THIRD MARKET

| 1987 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offr | Chg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 485 | 185 | Abelscot | 230 | 260 | -30 |
| 56 | 18 | Aber Am Pet | 30 | 33 | –1 |
| 150 | 110 | Allied Ins | 131 | 141 | nc |
| 78 | 46 | Amerdepur | 45 | 50 | nc |
| 111 | 55 | Andaman Res | 70 | 75 | +2 |
| 285 | 116 | Broadcast | 175 | 195 | nc |
| 192 | 61 | Gamotech | 83 | 93 | nc |
| 103 | 45 | Catalyst | 66 | 70 | –1 |
| 203 | 153 | Chelsea Art | 160 | 175 | +10 |
| 110 | 60 | Chemex Intl | 55 | 65 | nc |
| 159 | 115 | Comac | 110 | 120 | nc |
| 151 | 50 | Canton Bch | 82 | 87 | nc |
| 228 | 150 | Crown Eye | 150 | 160 | nc |
| 68 | 18 | Eglinton | 18 | 20 | nc |
| 45 | 11 | Do Wrnts | 11 | 13 | nc |
| 188 | 1 | Far E Res | 85 | 95 | nc |
| 110 | 76 | Gardner (J) | 73 | 78 | nc |
| 53 | 29 | Honorbilt | 29 | 33 | –1 |
| 73 | 61 | Kemp (PE) | 58 | 63 | –2 |
| 181 | 65 | Leading Lsr | 70 | 75 | nc |
| 95 | 68 | Lyrot Tech | 77 | 87 | +2 |
| 180 | 115 | Medrace | 118 | 128 | –2 |
| 80 | 15 | Pcb Hldgs | 45 | 48 | –1 |
| 128 | 95 | Seacon | 90 | 100 | nc |
| 87 | 45 | Theme Hldgs | 45 | 56 | +2 |
| 715 | 145 | UPL | 140 | 150 | –5 |
| 140 | 103 | Unvt Group | 98 | 108 | –2 |

## BASE LENDING RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| ABN | 9.50% |
| Adam & Company | 9.50% |
| BCCI | 9.50% |
| Consolidated Crds | 9.50% |
| Co-operative Bank | 9.50% |
| C. Hoare & Co | 9.50% |
| Hong Kong & Shanghai | 9.50% |
| Lloyds Bank | 9.50% |
| Nat Westminster | 9.50% |
| Royal Bank of Scotland | 9.50% |
| TSB | 9.50% |
| Citibank NA | 9.50% |

# Interim dividend boosted at Airflow Streamlines

Airflow Streamlines is boosting its interim dividend to 1p (0.25p), payable on January 5, for the six months to August 31. Turnover expanded to £23.85 million (£20.58 million), while pretax profit reached £983,000 (£503,000). Earnings per share were 7.18p (3.52p). The board reports that sales in each section of both divisions have shown a favourable increase. Current demand is expected to be *maintained during the second* half. Significant facility improvements have been made during the past six months.

### Shiloh higher

Shiloh is paying an interim dividend of 1.75p (1.5p) for the half-year to October 3. Turnover rose to £7.71 million (£6.73 million) and pretax profit to £697,914 (£494,919). Earnings per share were 16.03p (11.49p). The board reports that all areas of the business show satisfactory growth. This progress should continue in the second half, subject to the recent fall on the stock exchange not undermining confidence in the economy.

### Payment raised

Chesterfield Properties is paying an interim dividend of 5.5p (5p) *for the six months to June 30.* Turnover rose to £8 million (£6.42 million). Profit, before charging interest, reached £5.03 million (£4.17 million). Profit, after tax, was £2.29 million *(£2.53 million).* Earnings per share were 11.52p (12.65p).

### John Kent

John Kent is not paying an interim dividend for the year to end-July. Turnover fell to £15.81 million (£17.22 million) and pretax profit to £859,000 (£1.1 million). Earnings per share were 5.22p (6.38p). The board explains that these were unsatisfactory results because of to poor trading conditions and unseasonal weather, coupled with a number of stores closed for refit.

### Rowe Evans

Rowe Evans Investments reports a turnover of £899,000 (£943,000) for the first half of this year. Pretax profit rose to *£703,000 (£552,000). This* year there is an extraordinary credit of £238,000 (nil). Earnings per share, based on a weighted average of shares, before the extraordinary item, were 0.84p (0.60p) and after were 1.44p (0.60p). Comparisons have been *restated. On January 28*, the company completed the merger with Rembia Rubber.

### House Property

An unchanged interim dividend of 3p is being paid by House Property Company of London for the first half of this year. Pretax profit rose to £98,000 (£13,000) and earnings per share were 6.2p (1.3p). The directors are pursuing a number of negotiations which, if successfully concluded, will expand the scope and scale of the company's activities.

### Portland Holdings

Portland Holdings is paying a final dividend of 7.5 cents, making 12 cents (7 cents) for the year to August 31. Turnover expanded to $45.16 million (£26.77 million) against $34.4 million and pretax income to $7.81 million ($5.25 million).

### Shell Oil jumps

Shell Oil reports a third-quarter net profit of $420 million (£249 million), compared with $133 million.

# Mocatta wins gold contract

By Colin Campbell

Mocatta & Goldsmid, the *leading bullion dealer and a* member of the Standard Chartered Bank family, has been appointed sole official importer of gold into Thailand, beating competition from 13 other bullion houses.

Mocatta expects to supply an initial 7.5 tons of gold annually to Thailand, worth at *current prices more than* $110 million (£64.7 million).

Thailand's appointment of Mocatta is seen as a government attempt to put the *demand for bullion on a* regular footing. Until now

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## Portfolio Gold

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements, on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily dividend figure. If it matches, you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

| No. | Company | Group | Gain or loss |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Coats Viyella (aa) | Drapery,Stores | |
| 2 | Bejam | Foods | |
| 3 | Ford Motor | Motors,Aircraft | |
| 4 | King & Shaxson | Banks,Discount | |
| 5 | BICC (aa) | Electricals | |
| 6 | Norcros | Industrials L-R | |
| 7 | Tavener Rutledge | Foods | |
| 8 | Tellos | Industrials S-Z | |
| 9 | Locker (T) | Industrials L-R | |
| 10 | UEI | Electricals | |
| 11 | Saville Gordon (J) | Industrials S-Z | |
| 12 | Bank Of Ireland | Banks,Discount | |
| 13 | Tarmac (aa) | Building, Roads | |
| 14 | Appleyrse Hldgs | Foods | |
| 15 | Ibstock Johnsen | Building, Roads | |
| 16 | Hawker Siddly (aa) | Industrials E-K | |
| 17 | Pearson (aa) | Industrials L-R | |
| 18 | Aran Energy | Oil & Gas | |
| 19 | Town Centre | Property | |
| 20 | Samuelson Gp | Leisure | |
| 21 | Avis Europe | Industrials A-D | |
| 22 | Sater | Industrials S-Z | |
| 23 | Br Telecom (aa) | Electricals | |
| 24 | Tex Hldgs | Industrials S-Z | |
| 25 | First Leisure | Leisure | |
| 26 | TSL Gp | Industrials S-Z | |
| 27 | Cowie (T) | Motors,Aircraft | |
| 28 | MBS | Electricals | |
| 29 | Marley | Building, Roads | |
| 30 | Barton (aa) | Drapery,Stores | |
| 31 | Rothschild (J) Hld | Banks,Discount | |
| 32 | Chesterfield | Property | |
| 33 | Midland (aa) | Banks,Discount | |
| 34 | Laing Prop | Property | |
| 35 | Hanson (aa) | Industrials E-K | |
| 36 | Utd Biscuits (aa) | Foods | |
| 37 | Reed Executive | Industrials L-R | |
| 38 | Bibby (J) | Industrials A-D | |
| 39 | Phoenix Prop | Property | |
| 40 | Dalgety (aa) | Foods | |
| 41 | Bespak | Industrials A-D | |
| 42 | Nobo Gp | Industrials L-R | |
| 43 | Hazlewood Foods | Foods | |
| 44 | Barratt (H) | Industrials A-D | |
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Please take into account any minus signs

### Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in tomorrow's newspaper.

| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | Weekly Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | |

# STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

# Modest rally

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began October 26. Dealings end November 6. §Contango day November 9. Settlement day November 16. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

**Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 24)**

## Portfolio Gold

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DAILY DIVIDEND £4,000

Claims required for +50 points

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### BREWERIES

| 1987 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Change | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 471 | 306 | Allied-Lyons (aa) | 335 | 342 | +1 | 25.8 | 4.6 | 10.0 |
| 10½p | 7½p | Alloa (aa) | 8½p | 9½p | | 2.41 | | 19.7 |
| 77 | 40 | Belhaven | 36 | 41 | -7 | 1.9 | 3.5 | 14.4 |
| 233 | 134 | Bullmore | 165 | 168 | -1 | 4.6 | 2.6 | 20.5 |
| 288 | 537 | Brown (Matthew) | 665 | 685 | +20 | 19.29 | 3.1 | 27.4 |
| 246 | 131 | Buckleys | 157 | 172 | -1 | 7.9 | 5.5 | 11.3 |
| 155 | 141 | Bulmer (H P) | 150 | 155 | -1 | 7.9 | 5.5 | 11.3 |
| 279½p | 200 | Burtonwood Brew | 255 | 265 | +5 | 4.9 | 1.8 | 14.4 |
| 288 | 145 | Clark (Matthew) | 252 | 262 | -4 | 12.3 | 4.6 | 16.0 |
| 288 | 205 | Dawnay (Jn) | 240 | 250 | -4 | 4.9 | 1.9 | 20.4 |
| 279½p | 200 | Greenall Whitley | 255 | 265 | -5 | 7.8 | 2.9 | 20.3 |
| 288 | 205 | Greene King | 265 | 275 | -5 | 7.8 | 2.8 | 20.3 |
| 288 | 473 | Gunness (aa) | 665 | 685 | +5 | 12.9 | 1.9 | 51.6 |
| 288 | 473 | Hardy's & Hansons | 705 | 720 | -5 | 26.4 | 3.7 | 15.6 |
| 97 | 68 | Highland Dist | 75 | 80 | +1 | 4.6 | 5.8 | 17.4 |
| 155 | 130 | Invergordon Dist | 170 | 180 | | 7.9 | 4.4 | 14.4 |
| 155 | 145 | Irish Dist | 150 | 155 | | 7.9 | 5.1 | 11.3 |
| 288 | 205 | Marston Thompson | 240 | 250 | -5 | 4.9 | 2.0 | 20.4 |
| 288 | 205 | Matland | 240 | 250 | -5 | 4.9 | 2.0 | 20.4 |
| 279½p | 200 | SA Breweries | 255 | 265 | -5 | 7.8 | 2.9 | 20.3 |
| 288 | 205 | Scot & Newc (aa) | 240 | 250 | -5 | 4.9 | 2.0 | 20.4 |
| 288 | 205 | Theakston | 240 | 250 | -5 | 4.9 | 2.0 | 20.4 |
| 288 | 205 | Whitbread 'A' (aa) | 240 | 250 | +11 | 4.9 | 2.0 | 20.4 |
| 288 | 205 | Do 'B' | 240 | 250 | | 4.9 | 2.0 | 20.4 |
| 288 | 205 | Wolverhampton & D | 240 | 250 | -5 | 4.9 | 2.0 | 20.4 |
| 477 | 374 | Young 'A' | 465 | 485 | | 11.8 | 2.5 | 34.2 |

### BUILDING, ROADS

| 1987 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Change | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 540 | 179 | Abbey | 200 | 205 | +3 | -28 | | |
| 355 | 222 | Associated Constr | 250 | 260 | | 12.1 | 3.7 | 25.8 |
| 440 | 270 | Amec | 310 | 320 | | 13.5 | 3.7 | 11.1 |
| 89½p | 28 | Anglo Utd | 37 | 39 | | 1.4 | 3.4 | |
| 252 | 166 | Arnolfite | 180 | 190 | | 3.6 | 3.5 | 23.5 |
| 440 | 295 | Ashwoods | 310 | 320 | | 13.5 | 4.6 | 11.8 |
| 345½p | 91 | BPB Ind (aa) | 275 | 277 | +1½ | 8.5 | 3.1 | 12.6 |
| 310 | 91 | Bamberger Rock | 220 | 230 | +1½ | 8.5 | 3.7 | 12.6 |
| 355 | 31 | Barley (Stan) Const | 150 | 160 | -2 | 1.8 | 2.5 | 12.2 |
| 355 | 146 | Barratt Devt | 215 | 225 | -5 | 12.3 | 5.1 | 8.8 |
| 355 | 134 | Beazer | 150 | 160 | -2 | 12.3 | 7.7 | 8.8 |
| 355 | 146 | Bellway | 215 | 225 | -5 | 12.3 | 5.1 | 8.8 |
| 355 | 134 | Berkeley Gp | 150 | 160 | -10 | 12.3 | 7.7 | 8.8 |
| 355 | 146 | Bett Bros | 215 | 225 | -5 | 12.3 | 5.1 | 8.8 |
| 675 | 177 | Bilton | 400 | 410 | | 24.6 | 6.0 | 8.8 |
| 574 | 269 | Blue Circle (aa) | 390 | 400 | +2 | 16.5 | 4.1 | 9.8 |
| 455 | 166 | Bovis PLC | 200 | 210 | | 8.2 | 3.9 | 10.2 |
| 355 | 86 | Br Dredging | 157 | 165 | | 6.5 | 4.3 | 29.2 |
| 355 | 91 | Brown & Jackson | 43 | 47 | +1½ | | | |
| 148 | 79 | Bryant | 100 | 110 | | 3.8 | 3.8 | 12.8 |
| 39½p | 11 | Burnett & Hallam | 15½ | 16 | | | | 1.9 |
| 355 | 178 | CSH | 210 | 220 | | 8.2 | 3.9 | |
| 355 | 178 | Caldwood Robey | 210 | 220 | | 8.2 | 3.9 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 178 | Caradon | 210 | 220 | -3 | 8.2 | 3.9 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Church Charles | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Costain Gp | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Costain PLC | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Countryside | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Crest Nicholson | 195 | 205 | | 7.5b | 4.5 | 11.4 |
| 355 | 158 | Crosby Lumb | 195 | 205 | | 24 | | |
| 355 | 158 | Douglas (Hall) | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 17.9 |
| 355 | 158 | Eton | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Fabricated Hldg | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Fairclough Bldg | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Galliford | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Gibbs & Dandy (Jo) | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Grosvenor (MJ) | 195 | 205 | -5 | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Hanson Ind | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Henderson | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Hendon-Stuart | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Heywood Williams | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Higgs & Hill | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Howard Hldgs | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Ibstock Johnsen | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Jarvis (J) & Sons | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Laing (J) | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Do 'A' | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Lawrence (Walter) | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Lilley (F.C) | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Lovell (J) | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Mangal (aa) | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Marley | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Marshalls (Halifax) | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Mitchells (J) | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Mowlem (John) | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | McAlpine (Alfred) | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | McCarthy & S | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Nagtra Ltd | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Norton (Stanley) | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Nowell (John) | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Newman Tonks | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Pentonmoor | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Pochins | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | RMC Gp (aa) | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Rapid Ind | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Redland (aa) | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Rotherwood | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Ruskin Group | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Scottish Forders | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Sharpe & Fisher | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Shaw & Sons | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Shelley | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Tarmac (aa) | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Taylor Woodrow | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Tilbury Group | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Travis & Arnold | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Trent | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Turriff | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Warnpool | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Wates Group | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Wates Hldgs | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Wiggins | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Wilson Bowden | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Wilson (Connolly) | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Wimpey (George) | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Yeoll | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |

### BRITISH FUNDS

| 1987 High | Low | Stock | Price | Chge | Int. only yld% | Gross Red. yld% |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **SHORTS (Under Five Years)** | | | | | | |
| 99⅞ | 95⅞ | Treas 7¾% | 1995-88 | 99⅞ | | |
| 102⅛ | 94⅛ | Exch 10½% | 1988 | 100⅝ | | 10.4 9.808 |
| 101⅜ | 96⅞ | Treas 9¾% | 1988 | 100⅜ | | 9.7 9.597 |
| 97⅜ | 93⅝ | Treas 9% | 1988-89 | 97⅞ | | 9.1 9.754 |
| 101⅜ | 96⅞ | Treas 12¾% | 1989 | 100⅝ | | 9.5 9.568 |
| 104⅛ | 95⅝ | Treas 11¾% | 1989 | 103⅝ | | 11.2 9.051 |
| 104⅛ | 98⅜ | Treas 10½% | 1989 | 103⅝ | | 10.3 9.065 |
| 103⅛ | 95⅛ | Exch 10% | 1989 | 101⅛ | | 9.9 9.102 |
| 108⅛ | 95⅛ | Exch 10½% | 1989 | 103⅝ | | 9.6 9.092 |
| 105⅛ | 95⅛ | Exch 11% | 1989 | 103⅝ | | 10.1 9.126 |
| 99⅛ | 89⅛ | Treas 9% | 1989-90 | 94⅝ | | 8.3 9.586 |
| 102⅛ | 93⅛ | Treas Cv9¼% | 1989 | 100⅛ | | 9.4 9.068 |
| 111⅛ | 99⅛ | Treas 12% | 1989 | 108⅝ | | 9.5 9.312 |
| 111⅛ | 99⅛ | Treas 12% | 1990 | 107⅝ | | 12.1 9.051 |
| 108⅛ | 95⅛ | Exch 11% | 1990 | 103⅝ | | 10.8 9.085 |
| 110⅛ | 95⅛ | Exch 12¼% | 1990 | 107⅛ | | 11.7 9.104 |
| 91⅛ | 84⅛ | Treas 9% | 1990 | 89⅛ | | 8.4 9.092 |
| 100 | 89⅛ | Treas 8¼% | 1990-92 | 98⅛ | | 8.4 9.092 |
| 105 | 94⅛ | Treas 10% | 1990 | 102⅛ | | 9.8 9.205 |
| 98⅛ | 89⅛ | Exch 9¾% | 1990 | 95⅝ | | 9.6 9.773 |
| 110⅛ | 95⅛ | Treas Cv12¾% | 1990 | 107⅝ | | 12.0 9.172 |
| 110⅛ | 98⅛ | Treas 11¾% | 1991 | 106⅝ | | 11.0 9.200 |
| 95⅛ | 85⅛ | Treas 9¼% | 1991-91 | 91⅛ | | 8.3 9.552 |
| 109⅜ | 97⅜ | Exch 11% | 1991 | 106⅛ | | 10.4 9.161 |
| 95⅜ | 79⅜ | Treas 9% | 1991 | 87⅛ | | 8.4 7.690 |
| 94⅜ | 81⅜ | Treas 9% | 1991 | 85⅛ | | 8.3 9.165 |
| **FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS** | | | | | | |
| 116⅛ | 107⅛ | Treas 12¾% | 1992 | 112 | | 11.4 9.229 |
| 108⅛ | 99⅛ | Treas 10% | 1992 | 103⅛ | | 9.7 9.251 |
| 108⅛ | 99⅛ | Treas C10¼% | 1992 | 103⅛ | | 10.0 9.218 |
| 99⅛ | 89⅛ | Treas 9% | 1992 | 95⅛ | | 8.6 9.253 |
| 99⅛ | 89⅛ | Treas 9% | 1992 | 95⅛ | | 8.4 9.174 |
| 117 | 106⅛ | Exch 12¼% | 1992 | 111⅝ | | 11.9 9.280 |
| 123 | 106⅛ | Exch 13¼% | 1992 | 116⅛ | | 11.6 9.259 |
| 107⅛ | 99⅛ | Treas 10% | 1992 | 103⅛ | | 9.7 9.297 |
| 118⅛ | 107⅛ | Treas 12½% | 1993 | 113⅝ | | 11.0 9.368 |
| 99⅛ | 91⅛ | Fund | 97⅛ | 98⅛ | | 8.7 9.214 |
| 125⅛ | 107⅛ | Treas 13¼% | 1993 | 119⅝ | | 11.5 9.486 |
| 125⅛ | 113⅛ | Treas 13¼% | 1993 | 119⅝ | | 11.5 9.486 |
| 129⅛ | 103⅛ | Exch 13½% | 1994 | 114⅝ | | 10.9 9.513 |
| 124⅛ | 109⅛ | Exch 13½% | 1994 | 119 | | 11.3 9.485 |
| 103⅛ | 99⅛ | Treas 9% | 1994 | 99⅛ | | 9.1 9.237 |
| 107⅛ | 99⅛ | Treas 10% | 1993 | 103⅝ | | 9.7 9.284 |
| 119⅛ | 98⅛ | Treas 12½% | 1995 | 113⅝ | | 10.6 9.524 |
| 84⅛ | 75⅛ | Gilt | 3% | 1990-95 | 81 | 3.7 6.538 |
| 103⅛ | 97⅛ | Exch 10¼% | 1995 | 101⅛ | | 9.8 9.466 |
| 125⅛ | 105⅛ | Treas 12¾% | 1995 | 121⅝ | | 10.8 9.573 |
| 130⅛ | 118⅛ | Treas 14% | 1996 | 124⅛ | | 11.3 9.675 |
| 102⅜ | 89 | Treas 9% | 1992-96 | 96⅜ | | 9.1 9.233 |
| 139⅛ | 113⅛ | Treas 13¼% | 1996 | 131⅛ | | 11.8 9.691 |
| 127⅛ | 107⅛ | Exch 13¼% | 1996 | 121⅝ | | 10.9 9.569 |
| 85⅛ | 69 | Ramp | 3% | 1996 | 69⅝ | 3.5 |
| 108⅛ | 92⅛ | Conv | 10% | 1996 | 103⅛ | 9.7 9.476 |
| 128⅛ | 113⅛ | Treas 13½% | 1997 | 121⅛ | | 10.9 9.617 |
| 111⅛ | 93⅛ | Exch 12¼% | 1997 | 106⅛ | | 9.9 9.483 |
| 101 | 85⅛ | Treas 9¼% | 1997 | 96⅛ | | 8.1 9.539 |
| 140 | 121 | Exch 15% | 1997 | 133⅛ | | 11.3 9.825 |
| 99⅛ | 78⅛ | Treas 8¼% | 1995-98 | 94⅛ | | 8.8 9.097 |
| 108⅛ | 93⅛ | Exch 11% | 1998 | 103⅛ | | 9.6 9.516 |
| 124⅛ | 107⅛ | Treas 12¼% | 1998 | 118⅛ | | 10.4 9.556 |
| 128⅛ | 107⅛ | Exch 13% | 1998 | 116⅛ | | 10.3 9.600 |
| 104⅛ | 90⅛ | Treas 9½% | 1998 | 101⅛ | | 9.4 9.327 |
| 125⅛ | 107⅛ | Exch 12¼% | 1999 | 116⅛ | | 10.4 9.604 |
| 113 | 98⅛ | Treas 10½% | 1999 | 109⅛ | | 9.6 9.489 |
| 111⅛ | 93⅛ | Conv | 10½% | 1999 | 105⅛ | 9.7 9.485 |
| 99⅛ | 85⅛ | Treas 8½% | 2000 | 94⅛ | | 9.233 |
| 114⅛ | 98⅛ | Treas 13% | 2000 | 124 | | 9.5 9.661 |
| 103⅛ | 89⅛ | Conv | 9½% | 2001 | 104⅛ | 9.2 9.395 |
| 119⅛ | 94⅛ | Treas 10% | 2001 | 104⅛ | | 9.5 9.405 |
| 134⅛ | 112⅛ | Treas 14% | 1998-01 | 127⅛ | | 11.0 9.782 |
| **OVER FIFTEEN YEARS** | | | | | | |
| 103 | 88⅛ | Exch | 9% | 2002 | 97⅛ | 9.2 9.311 |
| 110⅛ | 96 | Conv | 10½% | 2002 | 104⅛ | 9.5 9.359 |
| 122⅛ | 107 | Exch | 12% | 1995-02 | 116 | 10.3 9.538 |
| 119 | 99⅛ | Treas | 10½% | 2003 | 113⅛ | 9.5 9.313 |
| 111⅛ | 94⅛ | Treas | 9¾% | 2003 | 105⅝ | 9.3 9.312 |
| 136⅛ | 113⅛ | Treas | 13¼% | 2000-03 | 129⅛ | 10.6 9.726 |
| 121⅛ | 105 | Treas | 11¾% | 2001-04 | 115⅛ | 10.0 9.597 |
| 111⅛ | 94⅛ | Treas | 9% | 2004 | 105⅛ | 8.4 9.311 |
| 98⅛ | 81⅛ | Fund | 3½% | 1999-04 | 87⅝ | 6.1 8.226 |
| 107⅛ | 91⅛ | Conv | 9½% | 2004 | 101⅝ | 9.3 9.367 |
| 107⅛ | 89⅛ | Conv | 9½% | 2005 | 102⅛ | 9.3 9.367 |
| 116⅛ | 98⅛ | Exch | 10¾% | 2005 | 110⅛ | 9.5 9.362 |
| 132⅛ | 111⅛ | Treas | 12¾% | 2005-08 | 119⅝ | 9.9 9.369 |
| 94⅛ | 79⅛ | Treas | 8% | 2002-06 | 89⅝ | 8.9 9.168 |
| 113⅛ | 94⅛ | Treas | 11¾% | 2003-07 | 119⅛ | 9.9 9.362 |
| 124⅛ | 104⅛ | Treas | 12¾% | 2004-08 | 134⅛ | 10.6 9.342 |
| 98⅛ | 82⅛ | Conv | 8½% | 2006-11 | 93⅛ | 9.1 9.110 |
| 94⅛ | 79⅛ | Treas | 8% | 2007 | 89⅛ | 8.9 9.027 |
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| 355 | 158 | Associated (Henry) | 195 | 205 | | 7.9 | 3.9 | 28.2 |
| 246 | 175 | Bank of Ireland | 165 | 165 | +5 | 17.0 | 8.9 | |
| 155 | 117 | Bank of Scotland | 14 | 145 | | 7.9 | 5.4 | 11.3 |
| 696 | 440 | Barclays Bank | 670 | 680 | +10 | 23.4 | 4.9 | 11.2 |
| 355 | 158 | Brit & Comm Hldgs | 195 | 205 | | 7.9 | 3.9 | 28.2 |
| 355 | 158 | Brit Bk of Wales | 195 | 205 | | 7.9 | 3.9 | 28.2 |
| 696 | 440 | Brit Linen | 670 | 680 | +10 | 30.1 | 4.4 | 5.7 |
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| 355 | 158 | Williams & Glyn | 195 | 205 | | 7.9 | 3.9 | 28.2 |
| 355 | 158 | Yorkshire Bank | 195 | 205 | | 7.9 | 3.9 | 28.2 |
| 185 | 61½p | Yule Catto | 95 | 105 | | 4.1b | 4.1 | 14.3 |

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| 549 | 382 | Anglia TV 'A' | 380 | 385 | -2 | 16.4 | 4.5 | 10.1 |
| 685 | 370 | Central TV | 535 | 545 | +2 | 24.7 | 4.7 | 10.3 |
| 132½p | 48½p | Grampian | 50 | 53 | | 3.2 | 6.2 | 8.7 |
| 380 | 265 | HTV NVtg | 370 | 380 | | 18.4 | 4.9 | 10.3 |
| 610 | 440 | LWT Hldgs | 600 | 610 | +13 | 29.5 | 4.9 | 10.3 |
| 610 | 248 | Scot TV | 400 | 413 | +13 | 21.2 | 5.2 | 9.1 |
| 454 | 361 | TVS | 365 | 375 | -1 | 14.4 | 4.7 | 9.4 |
| 101 | 38 | TSW | 72 | 80 | +2 | 4.1 | 5.1 | 9.4 |
| 640 | 210 | Thames TV | 210 | 220 | +20 | 16.4 | 5.2 | 11.9 |
| 420 | 210 | TV-Am | 360 | 370 | +10 | 8.7 | 2.3 | 11.9 |
| 254 | 204 | Tyne Tees TV | 240 | 250 | | 30.6 | 12.7 | 8.2 |
| 170 | 79 | Ulster TV | 150 | 160 | +10 | 8.1 | 5.2 | 7.8 |
| 203 | 168 | Yorkshire TV | 200 | 210 | +12 | 8.6 | 4.7 | 11.1 |

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| 463 | 111 | Alexon | 355 | 375 | -10 | 8.2 | 2.5 | 23.7 |
| 156 | 14 | Amber Day | 68 | 72 | -3 | 3.4 | 5.2 | 21.8 |
| 273½p | 66 | Appleyards 'A' | 110 | 115 | | 3.4 | 3.7 | 22.6 |
| 154 | 136 | Ashley (Laura) | 140 | 145 | | 3.4 | 2.4 | 14.2 |
| 273½p | 66 | Ashley (Laura) 'A' | 110 | 115 | | 3.4 | 3.7 | 22.6 |
| 355 | 158 | Bairds Lds | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Beatty Shoe | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Bentalls | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Brown (N) | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Burton (aa) | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Clarkes (J) | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Clydesdale | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Courts | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Dawson Int | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Debenhams | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Dewhirst 'A' | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Dingwall (A) | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 158 | Do 'A' | 195 | 205 | | 8.2 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
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SKIING **FOCUS** A SPECIAL REPORT

Martin Handford




# Preening the pistes for the off

Duncan Baxter




**It's time to *benzenees* again, and this year half-a-million Brits are expected to head for the ski resorts, reports Ronald Faux**

The one justification for the grimness of a British winter is the prospect of skiing. Shortening days, a freezing edge to the morning and drizzle-grey skies all mean that in the Alps the first snows will have settled, smoothing the contours of the high pastures, each fall reaching deeper into the valleys until the entire landscape is moulded into a long series of undulating slopes down which the skiers can cut elegant parallels or straight, fast tracks.

It then only requires a zone of high pressure to sit like a cuckoo over those high junctions of France, Switzerland, Austria and Italy and for, the skier, Nirvana is achieved.

That at least is the ideal. Early in the season, skiers have been known to arrive at their resort to a vista of frozen grass with those rocks that should have been buried until spring sticking out like teeth, ready to do unto the soles of their Atomics or Dynastars what that Isles of Scilly reef did unto the Torrey Canyon.

But it is good to think that Gunter and his mates will at this very moment be oiling the tracks of the Snow Cats that will soon be preening the pistes above Zermatt, that throughout the Alps a host of chalet girls will be airing the sheets of a hundred thousand or more beds in purpose-built resorts transformed by snow from eyesore to dynamic community.

Also, that a massive spider's web network of chairlifts, gondolas and tows stands ready to whisk another season of skiers to the top of the hill merely to provide them with the pleasure of sliding back down again.

In Britain, this is the time of year when the lights come on in the early evening at more than a hundred slopes of plastic "snow", when secretaries may be caught during the lunch hour strengthening their thighs by crouching backs to the wall and when chaps in business suits forego the lift and run upstairs.

It is a time when winter holiday brochures arrive in snowstorm proportions, though commercial skiing is a late innovation compared with the first time someone realised that it would be easier to slog through snow with planks strapped to the feet.

Cave paintings, I am told on excellent authority, suggest that it was the the Scandinavians who thought up this ingenious device in 4,000 BC and that the forebears of the Vikings slid into battle with one foot strapped to a flat stave, the other one punting the warrior across the snow a good deal faster than he would have achieved using the Wenceslas method.

As with most other alpine sports it was the British toffs and eccentrics who developed the art of sliding through snow into arguably the simplest and most exhilarating sport.

The latest calculation is that half-a-million Britons of every shape, size, weight and sporting inclination now take to the slopes each winter. Some are keen to compete, to bash the piste until it bleeds (given that the blood is invariably their own), others swashbuckle down the slopes at high speed competing only with themselves. Others concentrate on elegance, gaining their pleasure from smooth, perfectly controlled turns.

> **Chairlifts and tows stand ready to whisk skiers to the top of the hill merely for the pleasure of sliding back down again**

The measure between swashbuckle and elegance lies in the directness of the downhill line and its closeness to gravity. Some skiers can combine swashbuckle with elegance and they are the good ones we all secretly aspire to become.

The way to achieve this perfect state is by instruction and here the tiro skier enters a difficut area. When I started to ski many snowfalls ago there was a bewilderment of methods developed by men who had thought deeply on the subject in Switzerland, Austria, France, Italy, Norway.

Each method followed its own subtle laws and seemed to have individual rules of hip and knee angle, pole placement, weight shift and how to overcome "slope shyness", which was a nice way of describing a terror of plunging downhill out of control.

The fact that most of the subtle and utterly vital instructions giving the key to a particular method were given in a kind of weird Esperanto (for example, *Vateofferderbootenuntbenzeneesunhupf*) may unkindly suggest that the instructor's efforts to grapple with the English language were even worse than mine to master the art of skiing.

Things have changed and the standard of instruction is now far higher and better structured. Neither is there any shortage of instructors who have no difficulty in giving a detailed analysis of a particular skier's faults.

I have also had it clearly explained to me that most of the problems encountered by skiers in the learning curve lie in the mind. There was an early attempt to impress this on me by Werner, a ski guide in Zermatt, who made the point by glaring at me and banging his head with his forefinger, a gesture which I entirely misunderstood.

Since then, I have learned that skiing is a many-faceted sport which takes into its quiet, smooth folds anyone able to walk. You may meet entire German households fed in orderly manner by father out on a *familien fahrt*. You may join the crowds on the groomed slopes that totally flatter your skiing at a resort where there are so many lifts it is possible to ski for a week without repeating the same run twice. Or you may set out cross-country with a rucksack on a pair of lightweight skis that cut lonely tracks across pristine snow.

More usually it is gregarious, fashionable and linked to a multi-million pound mechanical industry that hums and rattles across the length and breadth of the Alps.

But essentially a skiing holiday is the finest way of relaxing while taking violent exercise and of enjoying the atmosphere and colour that only mountains can give.

## The team battling on the slopes for Britain

**This winter, Martin Bell will again shoulder the bulk of Britain's competitive skiing effort. But is anyone else out there battling for us on the slopes? Is there other life beyond BBC TV's *Ski Sunday*?**

Happily, the answer to both questions is yes. Thanks to the British Ski Federation, an infrastructure has been laid down and a stock of competitors built up in all the snow disciplines, Nordic and freestyle as well as the more glamorous alpine.

The nerve centre is in the fourth-floor attic of the federation's headquarters in Eaton Square, Belgravia, London. From here, the three secretaries of each discipline – Andrea Deeley (alpine), Fiona Hopwood (Nordic and biathlon) and Kirsten Francis (freestyle) – provide the lifeline to the squads and their trainers dispersed around the world.

Ahead lies a hectic season, with the Winter Olympics at Calgary in Canada coming on top of the World Cup and other competitions which enjoy a regular British presence.

Two of the three British ski arms are sponsored – Drambuie Liqueur backing the alpine team and development squad, and merchant bankers Samuel Montagu supporting Nordic – but the sport's poor cousins, the freestylers, must make do with whatever is left from the annual Sports Council grant to the BSF.

Front-runners in alpine are once more Martin Bell (downhill) and Lesley Beck (slalom).

For Bell, the World Cup season opens at Val d'Isère on December 6. He was a superb sixth in this French event last year, a success that was to dog him all season. Once the Swiss and Austrians had closed ranks, he was "only" 16th at the Crans Montana World Championships. Bell starts the new season ranked 23rd, compared to 27th last season. His brother Graham, Nigel Smith and Ronald Duncan complete the team.

Lesley Beck has come a long way since learning to ski on a plastic slope. Her 10th place at Crans Montana put her among the world elite and she was placed regularly among the top 15 in Europa Cup events. Her world ranking is 40th, against 98th last year.

Canadian-born Wendy Lumby, Clair Booth and Ingrid Grant make up the other front-runners.

Trainers, Frenchman Guy Pessey (women's downhill), Austrian Walter Hubmann (men's downhill) and American Larry Gianatti (development squad) are supervised by Alan Stewart (head trainer), with Alasdair Scobbie as manager and Elspeth Crossley Cooke as the alpine overlord.

The Nordic squad expects its best ever year after the four gold medals won at last season's Lowlanders Championships. The manager is Hugo Allen, with Swede Christer Ericcson as trainer. The squad heads for Idrafjell, central Sweden, next week to for winter training but will eventually settle in Austria where Altenmark is the venue for the Lowlanders event from January 10-15.

Going for gold there will be John Spotswood and Roy Howden, backed by Marty Watkins, Patrick Winterton, Andy Wylie, Ewan MacKenzie, Jonathan Lineen and Mark Crowsdell.

All the World Cup events, including Calgary, will be contested. A small women's team, headed by Louise MacKenzie and sisters Helena and Vicky Appleby, will be on the circuit, as will the seven-man biathlon team managed by Hugh Blackman.

Freestyle will be an exhibition sport at Calgary and Britain's Robin Wallace, 6th overall last year in the world combined events (aerials, moguls and ballet), and Jilly Curry, 18th, expect to be invited.

**Michael Coleman**



*Front-runner Martin Bell: up four places in world rankings*


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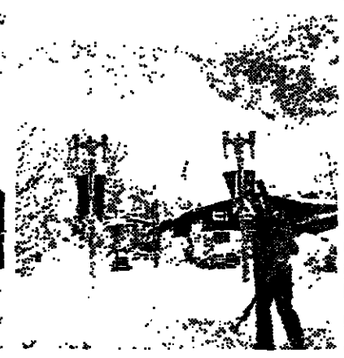
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# The top ten ski resorts

By Shona Crawford Poole, Travel Editor





Val d'Isère, France, top left, good for long runs and relaxing; Aspen, Colorado, above, great nightlife; Jackson Hole, Wyoming, left, old world charm

Whose top ten ski resorts? Mine? Well fine, but even snow-crazed travel editors have not skied all the places there are to ski. I will admit that they have better opportunities to try the best places than most people who are not filthy rich or professional skiers.

But I did not learn to ski young enough to be better at it than steady, not very brave and hardly ever as fit as I would like to be. What this means is that my skiing tastes are not those of the lean, springy addicts in "technical clothing" who haunt the Guides' House in Chamonix and who bounce down walls of bumps at Argentière.

It is much more a question of being able to get safely down anything within reason on the good days, and a preference for runs offering interest and distance rather than steepness and difficulty. So the resorts I like best are those that a great many other people, probably the majority, like too.

There are no unspoilt mountain villages in this list because whatever they offer in terms of charm is outweighed by shortcomings in the variety and quantity of their skiing. There are big names missing too. St Moritz is too vulgar, Grindelwald too gloomy, Davos too staid, and Verbier is swamped with Brits . . I wasn't asked to be fair; I was asked where I liked.

**1 Les Trois Vallées, France,** because it is has never disappointed in seven or eight seasons. Something in the order of 450km of pisted runs and 175 lifts link the resorts of Courchevel, Méribel, Les Menuires and Val Thorens. If the snow is good anywhere it is usually going to be good here. In January, when the crowds are thinnest, it is often superb. Good for beginners, experts and mixed parties. Terrible for non-skiers. I stay in the village which is the lowest level of Courchevel.

**2 Val d'Isère, France,** and its linked resort Tignes is another wonderful area of linked skiing and long runs. It offers plenty of challenges on and off the piste and there is no shortage of easy stuff to work up a rythmn on. Val attracts and keeps keen but not necessarily accomplished skiers.

**3 Jackson Hole, Wyoming, USA,** is the American west at its most beautiful. The skiing is in the Teton Mountains above Snake River valley. By American standards this is an above averagely demanding resort and treated with respect. As a result, and because local teaching is excellent, skiing standards are high. One of the few places where the skiing is almost as good to watch as to do.

**4 Aspen, Colorado, USA,** is an old silver-mining town beneath a big mountain. Great skiing, fun and good nightlife.



**5 The Cariboos, British Columbia, Canada.** This is not a resort but a single lodge deep in the wilderness of the Cariboo Mountains and in winter reachable only by helicopter or snowcat. No lifts, just choppers and skiing untracked snow (by no means always powder) with expert guides. Expensive, competitive and unforgettably exciting.

**6 Zermatt, Switzerland,** brims with irresistible alpine charm. It offers splendid if inconveniently dispersed skiing. The village, though much expanded in recent years has been spoiled only for those who knew it many years ago. It is still a pretty and civilized resort with lots for non-skiers to enjoy. A horse-drawn sleigh will take you to the lifts.

**7 Courmayeur, Italy,** has good skiing for everyone except beginners and timid, early intermediates. Great pasta lunches on the mountain are only bettered by even greater pasta lunches in the village on non-skiing days. Lifts from the village cross the road leading to the entrance to the Mont Blanc tunnel but don't let that put you off. It gives the place a curiously cosmopolitan feel and an opportunity to cross the border into France for a day's skiing in Chamonix or Argentière. The Vallée Blanche can be skied from either side, but beware of big crowds.

**8 Squaw Valley, California, USA,** is a place I like because I have skied well there. The vast snow bowl with the purpose-built village at the bottom is more appealing than it sounds. It has steep, straight well-pisted runs to improve on as well as plenty of less precipitous choices. You don't have to ski its most famous run K2.

**9 Mayrhofen, Austria,** is a case of first love. It is the place where I first put skis on, my feet, fell down a lot, and drowned my sorrows and physical hurts in hot, spiced wine. The village has grown and the lift system has expanded since I was last there, and it is still not the most convenient of resorts. But its popularity and Austrian warmth are undiminished.

**10 Megève, France,** is easy on the eye and easy on the knees. It is a place for ski-cruising, long lunches, good scenery and lively nightlife. It is also a place for early-season skiing.

# Information guide to skiing holidays

■ To join the Ski Club of Great Britain, 118 Eaton Square, London SW1 W9AF, (01-245 1033) is to become a member of the skiing establishment. The club's own resort reps hold genteel or noisy cocktail parties, according to character, and ski with members. An excellent source of advice on resorts, equipment, courses.

Membership (£30 London, £22 country, juniors £12, families £45 London, £32 country) includes the magazine *Ski Survey*, out five times a year.

■ *The Good Skiing Guide 1988*, £9.95, has the thoroughness we know and love in Consumers' Association publications. As useful for first timers as for experts. Excellent resort comparisons, and sensible guidance on equipment, clothing, transport and budgeting.

■ Independent skiers rely on national tourist offices for local accommodation lists, addresses of letting agencies, lift pass prices and maps.

**Austrian National Tourist Office,** 30 St George Street, London W1R 0AL (01-629 0461). **Canadian High Commission,** Canada House, Trafalgar Square, London SW1Y 5BJ. (01-629 9492). **French Government Tourist Office,** 178 Piccadilly, London W1V 0AL. (01-491 7622). **German National Tourist Office,** 61 Conduit Street, London W1R 0EN. (01-734 2600). **Italian State Tourist Office,** 1 Princes Street, London W1R 8AY. (01-408 1254). **Scottish Tourist Board,** 23 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh EH4 3EU. (031-322 2433). **Spanish Tourist Office,** 57 St James's Street, London SW1Y 1LD. (01-499 0901). **Swiss National Tourist Office,** Swiss Centre, New Coventry Street, London W1V 8EE. (01-439 7433). **United States Travel and Tourism,** 22 Sackville Street, London W1X 2EA. (01-439 7433).

■ **Avoiding crowds.** Christmas, New Year and Easter are high season everywhere; expensive and crowded. Watch out for busy weeks in February too when Continental schoolchildren hit the slopes in swarms during half-term holidays. Check local dates with national tourist offices.

■ **When to go.** For the optimum mix of good snow and low prices choose January and be prepared to lose a day or two's skiing to snowstorms. Or opt for the possibility of good sun and good snow plus low-season prices by picking a high altitude resort in March.

■ **Social skiing.** To be seen, choose the best hotels in the glitziest Swiss resorts at Christmas and New Year, but be prepared to meet an American invasion. Stay at the Carlton, the Kulm or the Palace in St Moritz. It is the Palace again at Gstaad, the Monte Rosa or the Mont Cervin in Zermatt.

# Planking on the plastic 'snow'

*It is possible to become a competent skier long before setting foot on real snow, writes Ronald Faux.* The development of the plastic slope has revolutionized ski-teaching and training, cutting down the time wasted on the basics at the ski resort and allowing invaluable physical tuning which is the surest way to guard against injuries.

From the Beckton Alps, the plastic slope on the site of the old East London gasworks, to Hillead on the outskirts of Edinburgh, Britain has about 130 of these dry slopes, with even the smallest doing a useful introductory job.

Skiing is a contradictory sport. It demands a great deal of physical energy, particularly in the early stages before the skier has learned to move with economy and conserve strength. It requires an almost equal degree of social stamina.

The manager of a French ski village told me: "Few sports insist that the person taking part in it burns the candle at both ends. The *après-ski* can be more exhausting than the actual ski, but most resorts admit that the social side is vital to the profitability of the operation."

But a newcomer who clambers on to unfamiliar planks that seem intent on wrenching knee joints apart while suffering a hangover from a disco that roared on into the early hours, may be quickly persuaded to organize his, or her, time more effectively.

According to Alan Hole, director of Britain's most recently opened dry slope at Swadlincote, Derbyshire, much of the pain is avoidable. The broad sweep of Swadlincote "snow" which gives a remarkable imitation of the genuine article, allows skiers to train to parallel-turn standard before their first ski trip.

The newcomer would still need guidance but it would be in how and where to apply the technique. The skier would be much further down the road towards total mastery of those two unruly planks.

Plastic slopes have done for skiing what artificial climbing walls have achieved for rock climbing, giving participants the technique and agility to climb to a high standard almost immediately they start.

"The important thing is to use this route as a means to an end and not an end in itself," says Mr Hole.

Artificial skiing does, however, ensure an interest in the sport beyond the winter months and some eight or nine competitions are organized on plastic "snow" throughout the year in Britain. It also helps to maintain a reasonable year-round standard of skiing and fitness, overcoming the greatest hurdle to British skiers — the fact that it is difficult to become expertly competent at a sport practised for only two weeks out of 52.

Other ways to avoid the damaging stress that the sudden exercise of a ski holiday may inflict are regular swimming and cycling, or a twice-weekly session in the local gym. With a few sessions on plastic, says Mr Hole, skiers will have more time to appreciate the wider implications of skiing in mountainous areas when they arrive at a resort where the snow is genuine.


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A SPECIAL REPORT
By Colin Campbell

# Turtles, banks and big, big money

Ask a banker what the Cayman Islands means and the reply will probably be "a leading offshore centre which is going places". Ask a traveller the same question, and he might say "beaches, turtles, and banks". He might unkindly add "... and a Caribbean vault for funny money".

Neither the banker nor the traveller would be wholly right. The Cayman Islands are now both an important centre for offshore financial services and a tourist resort. And they have largely done away with the rather sleazy image they used to have.

Because of the rapid development of the islands' broad-ranging financial services field since the 1960s, when their tax-haven status was formalized, and in particular because of recent measures taken specifically to discourage "funny money", the Caymans now have an air of respectability that was previously denied them.

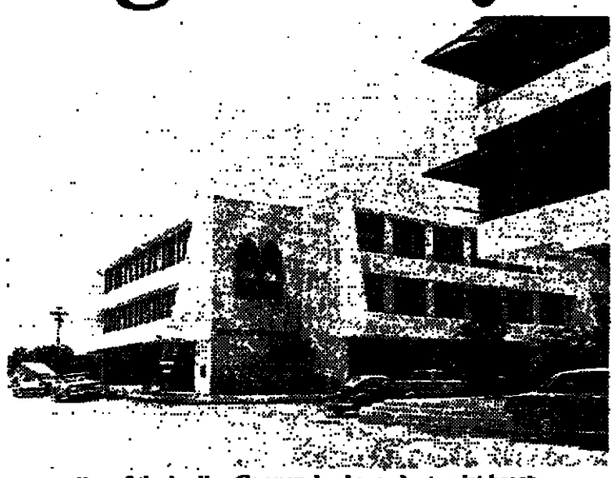
The 1984 Narcotics Treaty, which was signed by the US and Britain on behalf of the Caymans, denied the protection of secrecy to suspected drug traffickers and has been successfully implemented. That in turn paved the way for the more far-reaching Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty of 1986, signed but not yet ratified by the US Senate, which removes the right of secrecy in a wider range of suspected offences.

The recently appointed governor, Alan Scott, emphasizes that the political climate in the Caymans is stable, without any racial bias, the economic outlook is good and the days when people could telex $40 million into the islands without any questions have gone.

The financial secretary, Thomas Jefferson, asserts that the Cayman Islands are not just *an* offshore financial centre any more: they are *the* leading offshore centre.

These British financial isles, only 100 square miles, set in the Caribbean Sea, were ceded to the Crown under the Treaty of Madrid in 1670. Until 1959 they were a dependency of Jamaica, and they became a crown colony three years later.

American visitors dominate, yet at heart the Caymans remain distinctly British. When, two decades ago, their Caribbean neighbours followed the fashion for independence, the Caymans chose to stay linked with the Crown.



One of the leading Cayman banks, and a tourist beach

At that time, some of those neighbours labelled the Caymans "Britain's poodle", but there is a spirit of independence, a high standard of living across the whole spectrum of the population, and a developing infrastructure which is now the envy of their neighbours.

At the same time it is true to say that despite the obvious American influence, the islands are distinctly British. At the time of the Falklands war, they donated £500,000 to Britain's coffers.

Two significant events set the Caymans on their present course. The 1960 control of mosquitoes gave birth to the tourist industry, and the enactment of the Banks and Trust Companies Regulation Law in 1966 laid the basis for their financial sector.

Today, the Cayman Islands have more Euro-dollar deposits than Switzerland. They have the world's highest level per head of population of banks, insurance groups, companies and trusts, and 40 of the world's biggest 50 banks are registered there.

Assets of Cayman-managed banks and trusts now exceed $200 billion (about £125 billion). The number of registered banks and trusts, coming from more than 50 countries, has reached 510 (compared with 377 registered banks in the Bahamas, the second biggest offshore centre). There is a large and growing pool of insurance groups, lawyers and accountants.

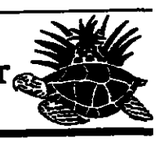
The financial-services sector has unseated tourism as the islands' most important activity.

The administration is well aware that the image of an offshore financial centre as a haven for slush money and tax-dodgers dies hard. The Cayman Islands used to be one of the few places in the world where you could arrive with a suitcase of banknotes, open an account, and no questions were asked.

But active efforts are being made to bury this image. Emphasis is laid on the tighter licensing and registration procedures, and the toughening up of statutory requirements.

Anybody trying to open an account with more than $10,000 today must account for himself. The issuing of bank licences, though easier than in most places, is no rubber-stamp exercise.

## A safe haven for assets



All applications by banks are now scrutinized and individually considered by the governor (on the advice of the executive council), and the powers of the inspector of banks and trust companies, seconded from the Bank of England under the technical-assistance programme of the International Monetary Fund, are wide.

For his part, the tourist would be wrong to think only of beaches and turtles. There may still be no trains, but Grand Cayman now has traffic lights — and traffic jams to go with them — a wide range of sophisticated hotels to choose from, an efficient worldwide communications system and it is within an hour's flight of Miami.

It is, however, the financial development of the Caymans and its dedication to banking secrecy (with the notable exception of crime-related inquiries), and the no-tax climate, that will keep the Cayman Islands in the forefront of the offshore-banking world.

There is a largely mythical story that in 1788, at the time of a particularly dramatic shipwreck, the islanders helped rescue a close relation of George III, who in appreciation decreed that Caymanians should never be conscripted for war service, and that Parliament enacted a law to free them from taxation in perpetuity.

But it is fact that there is no tax on income or capital, no tax on profits or property, no estate, legacy or inheritance tax and no exchange controls.

Next week, from Wednesday to Friday, the Caymans will be host to more than 60 bankers, accountants, lawyers and tax advisers for an international tax-planning conference. The audience will be largely from South America and the US, although British and other European delegates are also expected.

The thrust of the keynote address by the financial secretary, Mr Jefferson, will be that the Cayman Islands are a safe haven for asset protection, and an ideal base for trust and company administration; that given their political stability, easy communications, and position within the same time zone as New York, the Caymans are a financial centre whose time has come.

For all their success in the international financial field, however, the Caymanians are not complacent. They acknowledge that reputations are more easily lost than won, that the twin pillars of finance and tourism on which their economy rests are at the mercy of outside influences.

But the islanders believe they still hold the overall advantage so far as financial attractions as an offshore centre are concerned.

If the message to next week's conference that the Caymans are a reliable and respectable place get across, the flow of funds into the islands, which in only 20 years have been transformed from a one-time sleepy Caribbean retreat, is set to increase.

**ISLANDS FILE** **Status:** British colony; **governor:** Alan Scott, CVO, CBE; **area:** 100 square miles; **population** (1986, estimated): 21,600; **currency:** Cayman Islands dollar, linked to US dollar, CI$1 = 75p approx; **average earnings** (1985): monthly paid CI$19,980 (£14,985), weekly paid CI$11,804 (£8,853); **number of cars:** 11,000; **inflation:** 4.3 per cent



# Personal touch encourages the foreign investor

Politics in the Caymans are more a matter of personalities than of issues. In the 1960s two political parties were formed, but party unity soon proved weak, and nowadays would-be members of the Legislative Assembly prefer to stand as independents.

This has not, however, led to instability. On the contrary, by the nature of the Caymans system the government has little difficulty in attracting the votes it needs to back its legislation, and that has given the islands a stability which is attractive to outside investors.

Ultimate power lies in the hands of the Governor, who is responsible to London for "the good government of the islands" and has reserved to him responsibility for defence, external affairs, internal security and the civil service. And Britain speaks for the Caymans in the larger forums of the world.

But in the normal course of events the Governor is advised by, and takes the advice of, the executive council — the equivalent of a Cabinet — which consists of three official members, the Financial Secretary, the Attorney General and the Administrative Secretary, and four members chosen by the Assembly. There is no interference by Whitehall unless there is legislation which is deemed offensive, or against British interests.

When it comes to putting forward legislation, the government starts with seven votes in the Assembly — which has 12 elected members and the three official ones — and it can usually count on picking up another three.

That does not prevent Caymans politics from being lively at times. Elections to the Assembly are held every four years, with much rich West Indian oratory, and no punches are pulled in debates in the Assembly, which meets at least four times a year.

There was, for instance, considerable unease in 1984 over the Narcotics Treaty, signed that year with the United States under American pressure, and the subsequent Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty.

It was felt that they deprived the Caymans of the principle of confidentiality, which had enabled them to build up their financial sector; and in that year's election some sharp critics of the government were returned.

The elected members, at present 11 men and one woman, are essentially business people who stand as "teams" rather than members of parties. The more powerful and commercially influential in the day-to-day life of the islands (the Ebanks, Bodden, Kirkconnell and Johnson families, for instance) are well represented.

By European standards, politics in the Caymans are a

## Controls on entry, residence and employment

pretty low-key affair. But the stability that that gives is one of the attractions for outside investors.

The people of the islands have a voice once every four years — the next election is due in November 1988 — and are represented on the various government boards and bodies which take decisions on a wide range of public affairs.

There is one issue, at least, which unites all those in public life, and that is the objectives and the workings of the Caymanian Protection Board, which controls entry to, and residence and employment in, the islands.

There is a growing fear that Caymanians may well one day become a minority in their own country, and plans to restrict voting rights and introduce a narrower definition of who is a Caymanian are now under consideration.

The last official census, taken in 1979, showed that of the then population of 16,677, 11,283 were Caymanian by birth and 5,394 were expatriates, of whom 2,307 were of Jamaican origin.

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# A place for business in the sun

## Message from the Governor

**From His Excellency Alan J. Scott, CVO, CBE**



The Cayman Islands, in welcoming this the second Times Survey of the Islands, are glad to offer the opportunity for an in-depth updating of the great progress made in all sectors of our economy in recent years. The figures will speak for themselves, but I would like to draw attention to the broader, underlying background.

The 1984 Narcotics Agreement made it clear that Cayman would deny shelter to drug traffickers. This was followed in 1986 by the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty, signed with the United States. This Treaty served notice to everyone that Cayman joins wholeheartedly in the international *fight against serious crime* and in particular that we shall not tolerate the proceeds of it here, hindering the further development upon solid foundations of our financial industry.

This year, our Legislative Assembly passed the Merchant Shipping (Applicable Conventions) Law, which is the first step in the process of raising our Shipping Registry to the highest level; as the legislative process is carried through, the conventions regarding safety of life at sea, load lines, and pollution will be made applicable to ships on our registry.

This upgrading of the registry is the latest evidence of our intention to maintain and improve services offered here. With the proven quality of the financial industry, the high standard of the tourist industry and with our excellent telecommunications system, our objectives are evident: A clean and stable Cayman, with the necessary facilities for business to be carried on ethically and efficiently.

**By the Hon. Thomas Jefferson, OBE, JP, Financial Secretary, First Official Member of Executive Council and Leader of Government Business in the Legislative Assembly.**



This year, for the first time, we expect to welcome over half a million visitors to the Cayman Islands. They come by air and by sea, and most of them are drawn here by our renown among scuba divers and our other attractions as a vacation resort. But well over a third of *our visitors, we estimate,* are involved or show an interest in Cayman as a place to do business.

What our visitors find here, in addition to a warm and friendly welcome, is a remarkable community with a pace of development and standard of living unmatched in the Caribbean and hardly exceeded elsewhere. Though our population is less than 22,000 *we have a Government* Budget this year of about US$90million and we hope again to achieve a small surplus.

Not much more than 20 years ago things were very much different here. Our three islands were not on many people's calling lists, and for income our economy looked to philatelic sales and seamen's remittances. The transformation achieved since then — to the point where we are rated as the world's top offshore financial centre — has come about, I believe, because of three basic reasons: We are a British Crown Colony with a long history of political stability and social harmony; consistent government policies have ensured complete freedom from direct taxation; and Caymanians have shown themselves to be receptive to new ideas and people.

*Assured by policies of* successive administrations equally committed to the principles of free enterprise, international investors have shown increasing acceptance of Cayman as a base for their operations and as a place in which to put capital profitably to work. The growth of our financial centre has been paralleled and complemented by the advance of our tourism industry, so there has been opportunity for investment on a large scale in construction to serve both sectors. Our capital, George Town, has been transformed by the addition of numerous banks and office complexes to house the financial institutions and the legal, accountancy and management companies which service them. In our resort areas, especially along our famous Seven Mile Beach, many millions have been invested in hotels and condominium apartment complexes, with many of the units in the latter being owned by regular visitors.

Healthy annual budgets have enabled the government to undertake its own large-scale construction programme, so that we now have a range of handsome public buildings — Legislative Assembly, Law Courts, Government Administration, Police Headquarters, Broadcasting House — as well as modern airports and port facilities, and good schools, hospitals and roads. Most recently, government has undertaken large sewerage and water supply schemes on Grand Cayman in recognition that these are areas of vital importance to the country's health and welfare. Consistently high annual *expenditure on* education and training has reflected the government's aim of equipping Caymanians to play their full part in their country's future, and share the benefits of its development, so that an acceptable balance is maintained between them and residents of other origins.

Just as we needed foreign capital for development, so also have we needed foreign skills to run the sophisticated processes in our new industries, and with little or no unemployment we shall continue to need foreign workers for some time to come. But we have insisted that employers put an emphasis on employing Caymanians where they are available and training and promoting them as their abilities merit. We see this policy beginning to pay off, as Caymanians increasingly move to higher positions in the private sector as well as in government. This is notable in our financial institutions, which employ nearly 900 people, over 75 per cent of whom are Caymanians.

Part of the need for these new skills has come from the *technologies introduced as* part of the modern society we have created here. Computerisation is widely accepted as an essential tool in our financial industry, and Government has not been left behind.

Telecommunications is another sector in which Cayman has provided a market for — and now is *heavily dependent upon* — the latest technologies. We have appreciated the way that Cable & Wireless, who have held the franchise for the Islands since 1965, have kept pace with the needs of the business community. An earth satellite station and sea-bed cables, together with digital system exchanges, ensure our telephone links *with the world, as well as* telex, database access and facsimile transmission.

An employment survey completed by our statistics unit last year also produced some remarkable figures. It showed, for instance, that there were just over 10,000 people in employment in the Islands in November, 1985, and that their monthly payroll totalled just over CI$10 million.

Government's own spending programme has been made possible, of course, by its ability to generate revenue from a prospering economy without the customary system of income tax and the *other direct forms of taxation.* Instead, we raise our revenue from import duties, stamp duty, company registration and banking and other licence fees. Last year our revenue totalled more than CI$62million, and at the end of the year we had a surplus of CI$4.45million, of which $2million was added to our reserves. These now total over CI$7million, while our public dept is CI$12million. In the first seven months of this year, our revenue totalled CI$ 48.26million, compared with a budgetted figure of CI$ 72million for the whole year.

The indications are that the year will be a good one for the government, and that we shall again have a surplus. Overall, we have seen tremendous activity in the *economy, and in both* the banking and insurance sectors there has been a continuing flow of applications for licences. We now have 41 of the world's 50 largest banks holding licences here, and it was after we passed the milestone of 500 licensed banks, early this year, that Forbes Magazine rated Cayman as the world's No. 1 offshore financial centre.

It needs to be pointed out that this sustained activity in our financial industry has proved the perfect answer to those critics who last year were prophesying its doom as a result of our government signing, with the UK and US governments, the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty under which Cayman and the US agree to assist each other in the investigation and prosecution of narcotics and other serious crimes. Though the treaty has not come into effect, as we still await ratification by the US Senate, it is clear that our business community have accepted it as a positive step in ensuring Cayman's future as a base for financial operations. We in Government saw it as an essential move to protect our reputation against accusations that our confidentiality law was being used to hide the profits of crime. We have always aimed for a clean operation of our financial centre, but we were forced to recognise that our law against disclosure was being used to shield the international movement of illicit funds, including those resulting from drug trafficking. That was why we signed the Narcotics Agreement in 1984, and followed it up last year by the treaty covering a wider range of serious crime.

We remain firm, however, in our view that the legitimate businessman has a right to privacy in his transactions here, so we have the Confidential Relationships (Preservation) Law, enacted in 1976 and reinforced by heavier penalites in 1979. This has been one of the cornerstones in the building up of our financial centre, and we see no need to apologise for offering a safe *base for operations by all* legitimate business. As we have never imposed taxation here we do not recognise tax avoidance as a crime, and it is relevant to point out that the treaty specifically excludes tax offences unless they involve the unlawful proceeds of a crime covered by the treaty.

The way in which some of the world's largest institutions have continued to seek a presence here I see as a vindication of our reasons for signing the treaty. These are multinational corporations who would be deterred from being identified with any place which could be seen as a haven for ill-gotten gains. In addition to the top banks, we have also attracted many of the industrial giants who have set up their own insurance companies here. This is a comparatively recent addition to our services, but we are now the second largest centre in the reinsurance business, with over 370 companies registered. I feel the international problems in obtaining insurance coverage can only increase our growth in this sector.

It is unusual that we should be thinking of ways to restrain our pace of development, when other countries do all they can to attract it. We seem now to be starting *another construction boom of* office buildings, hotels and condominium apartments, and I think it is in our long-term interests that we phase these developments so that we do not put too great a strain on our systems. The important things are that the things we value do not get lost, that Caymanians continue to benefit from our growth, and that our financial industry keeps out the business that would not help our reputation.

## The services we offer

### BANKING

More than *40 of the world's 50 largest banks have associates licensed in Cayman, and their* assets at the end of 1986 totalled more than US$200billion. Our Inspector of Banks and Trust Companies, seconded from the Bank of England under the IMF technical assistance programme, will be happy to supply details of the licensing procedure. Write to him at: Government Administration Building, Grand Cayman, BWI. Tel: (809) 94-97900 (ext. 2114). Tlx: 4260 CIGOVT.

### INSURANCE

As a domicile for offshore captive insurance, the Cayman islands are second only to Bermuda in the number of captive insurance companies licensed to transact business – over 350. Some of North America's biggest corporations have seen the advantages of setting up captives here. A licence application can be processed quickly. Write to: The Department of Insurance, Government Administration Building, Grand Cayman, BWI. Tel: (809) 94-97900 (ext. 2333).

### COMPANY REGISTRATION

Over 17,400 companies are registered in the Cayman islands for a variety of purposes taking advantage of our tax-free economy. Exempted companies, licensed to operate offshore, can enjoy a government guarantee of freedom from taxation for at least 20 years. With computerisation, it is possible for a company to be registered in two days. Write to: The Registrar of Companies, Tower Building, Grand Cayman, BWI. Tel: (809) 94-53400. Tlx: 4260 CIGOVT.

## A stronger shipping registry

In the same way that we have acted to protect Cayman's reputation as an offshore base, the government have recently seen the need for similar corrective action in the matter of our Registry of Shipping. It has been a cause for concern for some years, but more recently there have been a number of instances where Cayman-registered ships have been involved in incidents which have caused some negative publicity for Cayman.

As a result, we took interim action earlier this year, when we enacted a law giving the Registrar power to refuse to register certain ships and the Governor-in-Council power to remove ships from the registry. Later I led a delegation to London and in talks with the Department of Transport we gained their agreement to the extension of various international conventions to the Cayman Islands.

The application to Cayman-registered ships of the conventions on safety of life at sea, load lines, and sea pollution will put our registry on a level equal to any other registry of shipping. The necessary law, a long one of 80 clauses, was recently passed by the Legislative Assembly and I am hoping that the necessary Orders in Council will be laid in London so that early next year our Registrar will be able to issue full convention certificates to ships registered here. We are recruiting two surveyors from Britain to give us the expertise to enable us to enforce our new shipping law.

When our new registry is in full effect I have high hopes that we shall attract a healthy flow of new registrations, including the prospect of entire fleets being moved to Cayman registration. We may never raise very large amounts of revenue from this source, but I believe that this is a useful adjunct to our financial services, and many shipowners will find the Cayman registry attractive, for we have lower fees than anywhere in the Caribbean. The important thing is that we have taken the measures to strengthen our registry so that it compares with any in the world.

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## Ensuring a good future in offshore insurance

A sister activity to banking in the Cayman Islands is the fast-developing offshore (captive) insurance industry, which today is second only to Bermuda, and has names which read like a *Who's Who* of the insurance world.

Peter Bates, the superintendent of insurance, and his staff of six operate under legislation which, as for banking, demands high standards while aiming to avoid too much red tape, with the objective of ensuring "clean, honest business by those in whom the public can place their trust".

The law regulates all companies incorporated on the islands engaged in insurance business, or any company elsewhere wishing to conduct insurance business through the Caymans. In addition, the law licenses underwriting managers – companies with insurance experience and expertise capable of managing insurance companies – and ensures that any company with the word "insurance" in its title is in fact what that name implies.

Though the captive insurance industry (wholly owned subsidiaries of a parent company) continues to look over its shoulder at the competitive influences of other offshore centres, and at the US's attempts to try to win back American domestic business lost to various offshore centres, the Caymans' insurance industry remains in a positive mood.

One of the particular advantages which Mr Bates suggests that the Caymans can offer as an insurance centre is that companies deal with only one regulatory authority (not individual state bodies as in the US), while the degree of professionalism is high.

The net worth of all captives and their annual premium income is now over the US$2 billion (£1,25 billion) level, and likely to continue growing.

The framework for the Caymans industry was the 1979 Insurance Law, which came into force in June 1980 and gave the superintendent of insurance powers of inspection and investigation. The launch pad was the early 1980s, when various classes of insurance risks in the traditional markets became difficult to write.

The medical malpractice market in the US, for instance, all but ceased to exist under a wave of claims, professional liability business was hard to write, and premiums for all classes of businesses soared. The Caymans seized their opportunity, and have hardly looked back.

Since 1980, there have been 624 applications for licences (361 were current at September 10). Thirty-three full service underwriting management firms are now operating from George Town.

One recently formed captive insurance company, ACE, whose shareholders include at least 40 of those who rank in the Fortune 500 list of top companies, has a net worth of US$750 million and a premium income of $250 million.

ACE was specifically established in the Caymans because of difficulties in writing business in traditional markets.

Having found that its Caymans-based operation is flourishing, others are likely fo follow in its steps.

As is the case with banks, almost 80 per cent of the insurance groups operating from the Caymans have US origins, with the balance made up from 15 other countries round the world.

Mr Bates says that the Caymans are able to assume a wider spread of risks than many other centres, and are responsive to changing market circumstances. There are also ample professional bodies in George Town.

Having established itself as a captive insurance market which is here to stay, the Caymans are out to spread their appeal, with European countries, and in particular Scandinavia, prime targets in mind.

## A money centre to rival London and New York

It is ironic that whereas the Cayman Islands today have 510 registered banks and trust companies that come from all over the world, in 1953 the islands often ran short of money.

It was as early as 1912 that the car was imported to the Caymans – and then it was a Cadillac – but until 1953 there was no commercial bank in the capital, George Town. Merchants had to conduct their banking operations by post in Miami or Jamaica.

It was left to Barclays Bank, which has been operating in the Caribbean for 150 years, to start the colony's first commercial banking operation in the capital in 1953, and then it was in a dental parlour. Only in 1957 had business developed to the extent where new premises were needed.

Today, the number of banks and trust companies in the Caymans mounts by the hour, their assets collectively exceed $200 billion (about £125 billion), Eurodollar transactions through the Caymans account for seven per cent of the total market, and annual licence fees now paid to the Caymans government total CI$5.3 million (£3,975,000).

If in the early 1960s the Caymans were out to court international banks, the tide has now turned. Jennifer Dilbert, deputy Inspector of Banks and recently returned after a secondment with the Bank of England, says the onus in 1987 is very much on banks that want to set operations in the Caymans to prove to the local authorities that they are good enough.

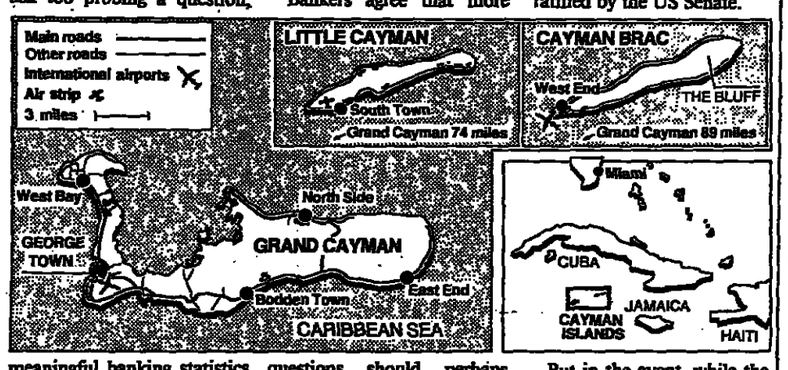
Mrs Dilbert said: "Whatever the past, you have got to be good to get in here." Supervision of the islands' banks and their operations is thorough and well up with international banking standards. It is a source of pride that 40 of the world's top 50 banks are already here.

The authorities can now afford to – and do – refuse banking licences to those that cannot prove that they are clean, and emphasize that their supervisory role over banking operations now starts when application is first made.

While subsidiaries of prime international banks are always welcomed, and their supervision is broadly the responsibility of their parent, privately owned banks are likely to find the application process more trying, especially as the banking authorities require personal interviews in George Town. An estimated 100 private banks are now on the register, least half of them active.

Banking and trust licences fall into two categories: an "A" non-restricted licence-holder may engage in both local and offshore business; a "B" licence limits operations to offshore activity. Any licensee without its own staffed office in the islands must be represented by a category A licence-holder.

Given that there are strict security and confidentiality laws (with a CI$2,000 fine and/or one year imprisonment for infringement), and that it can even be illegal to ask too probing a question, meaningful banking statistics are hard to come by.




Of the 510, eight are commercial banks, 33 have a full A licence and are allowed to take deposits, and 63 banks have a physical presence in Cayman. The remainder, which include numerous private banks, are the unseen, but still vital, part of the system.

The financial services community as a whole is, according to the government's November 1985 employment survey, the country's third biggest employer, accounting for 17.7 per cent of the total work force. In 1986, the collective banking "spend" on capital investment and running costs totalled CI$54.6 million, compared with CI$48.9 million in 1985, and CI$26.2 million in 1981.

At the retail end, Eric Crutchley, manager of Barclays Bank and current president of the islands' Bankers Association, says that with a total population of 21,600, and only a handful of operators, bankers effectively play musical chairs for domestic business. But the incidence of bad debts is low, and the outlook for banking activities against the background of a buoyant economy remains bright.

If there is one misconception which local bankers wish would be buried for good, it is that anybody can today walk in off the street and just open an account. In the 1960s, the then smaller banking community was only too happy with the flood of applications, and the numerous private and corporate accounts which the rich wanted to open.

Bankers agree that more questions should perhaps have been asked in those days, and the vetting process should have been more severe. But if the opportunity was lost then, banks and the banking authorities are now making up for lost time.

Bank references are needed, fresh accounts of more than US$10,000 (the exportable allowance in hard currency from the US) are questioned, bankers carry out their own screening, and where company formations are concerned, personal references on directors are called for.

In the Caymans, as in any other part of the world, no banker can put his hand on his heart and swear that there is no laundered money in the system. But most believe that the incidence is very low.

The list of reputable banking organizations already there, and the well-publicized prospect that the authorities will weed out untoward behaviour and withdraw licences, give foundation to the banking community's claim that the islands can now justify a "Mr Clean" image.

There was a crisis of confidence in the Caymans banks in the mid-1980s, when, as a result of pressure from Washington, first the 1984 Narcotics Treaty, which removed the protection of secrecy from suspected drug traffickers, and then the more far-reaching Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty of 1986 were signed. There were widespread fears, largely as a result of misunderstanding, that the oyster of banking secrecy for which the Caymans were famed would be prised open.

The government had felt unable to resist demands from Washington for action. It had agreed that if the Narcotics Treaty worked, the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty would follow, covering a wider range of suspected offences – although only those which would also be criminal in the Caymans – and the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty has now passed through the legislative procedures in the Caymans, although it has yet to be ratified by the US Senate.

But in the event, while the 1984 treaty undoubtedly drove out bad money, good money followed in its wake. Looking back, Mr Crutchley sees the 1984 Narcotics Treaty, and the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty which follows in its wake, as the best demonstration yet of the Caymans' good faith.

Since 1984, the number of overseas banks seeking a Caymans Islands licence has only grown, to the current total of 510. Latest figures from the inspector of banks, for the situation on September 30, show that there were 156 banks and trust companies originating in the US, 39 from Switzerland, 23 from the UK and that the list represents almost every country in the world, including China.

With its absence of tax, lack of exchange control and political stability to display, the Cayman Islands banking and financial community is now out to wave its own flag in the banking circles of the world. All things being equal, it can not be long before the Caymans are able to boast that in numerical terms they have overtaken both New York and London.



The stylish and modern 236-room Hyatt Regency Grand Cayman, above, and a more traditional local scene

## New property boom starting?

The steady and sure way in which the Cayman Islands economy has developed, combined with the political stability which the country offers, has not been lost on real-estate investors searching the Caribbean for places in which to invest.

Having paused for breath in 1986 as new hotel-development projects were digested, and bearing in mind that the slowdown after the condominium boom in 1981 is still fresh in most minds, Cayman Islands real-estate developers sense that – Wall Street and the health of the US economy willing – a new property boom is on the way.

Land and lease transfers totalled a healthy CI$15.5 million (about £11.6 million) in September alone, bringing the running total so far in 1987 to CI$81 million.

After 1985, when the monetary value of land and lease transfers reached CI$73.5 million, only to ease to CI$66.36 million in 1986, this year will clearly set fresh records, in turn ensuring continued work within the construction industry.

The steady inflow of new financial businesses and professionals, and the forward march shown by the tourist figures, has put renewed life into property prices, with condominiums/apartments on the main island, Grand Cayman, now easily commanding up to CI$500,000.

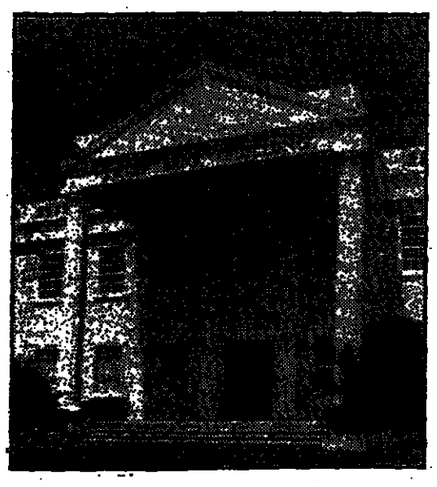
The Sheraton hotel chain will soon confirm a US$40 million-plus hotel development plan on Grand Cayman, to complement the recently completed Hyatt and Treasure Island hotel developments.

In calculating the cost of any real-estate investment in Cayman, buyers should allow for stamp duty, payable at 7.5 per cent on all land and property.

There is, however, no restriction on foreign ownership of land, in contrast to some other Caribbean territories, no requirement for development of land within a stipulated time and no property tax.

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# Paradise, but at a price

Too many people, all Caribbean islands are the same: wafting palm trees, miles of golden sands, inviting waters and sunshine.

The Cayman Islands (consisting of Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac and Little Cayman) have all that. But they also have a genuine air of friendliness, not a common attribute in many Caribbean resorts, and much that sets them apart from other resorts.

There are no beggars, street hustlers or beach pedlars, the crime rate is low and except for the occasional hurricane threat there is a pleasant year-round climate. The temperature seldom falls below 70 degrees, and the average sea temperature during the winter is 75 degrees.

The islands are already internationally famous for scuba diving and the coral reefs. And if the beach and sunbathing ever become a bore, then there are several up-market attractions to while away the time, of which a dive to the coral reefs in a mini-submarine is fast becoming the tourists' favourite.

But the Caymans are not for the budget-conscious, and prices are deceptive. The Cayman dollar is tied to the US dollar (CI$1 equals US$1.20 – about 75p), and mental arithmetic is constantly needed if the UK visitor is not to lose sight of the net cost in sterling.

Import duty, which is an average 20 per cent on most goods brought into the islands, a government hotel tax of six per cent and a 10 to 15 per cent service charge added to all food and beverages served, all filter down to make what could prove for some an expensive hole in the pocket.

A two-bed ocean-front deluxe room at the Holiday Inn, located in the middle of Seven Mile Beach, which for those out for sand and sunshine is the only stretch of beach to be on, will from the start of the December season cost US$218 (£136) a night, without food. To this must be added a 10 per cent gratuities charge and the 6 per cent government tax.

A standard room at the recently opened US$50 million Hyatt Regency, with its own golf course but set back from the beach across a busy road, last winter season cost US$175 a night, while a deluxe room cost $205 and the presidential suite $475. Again, rates exclude the 6 per cent room tax and the 10 per cent service charge. For this season, room rates are all but set to double.

The Caymans are served daily by the national airline, Cayman Airways, from Miami and various other southern US cities, and having made the journey, few should be disappointed.

For those who have always wanted to explore coral reefs and see what the tropical fish and marine life look like, but either cannot swim or do not like ill-fitting snorkels, there is the luxury of the 28-seater mini-submarine, the Atlantis, which makes daily and nightly dives to 150 feet in comfort and safety.

It is the underwater equivalent of a Learjet, and offers nose-to-nose viewing of exotic fish and ancient ship wrecks through a series of 2ft-diameter portholes. The 90-minute trip costs US$48, or $56 for a night dive, but the money is well-spent.

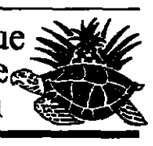
For those who insist on staying on land, the turtle farm is unique and educational. Here turtles, now protected and ranging in size from the newly hatched to the enormous, are bred and eventually released into the seas under a controlled programme. In addition, the farm provides the local market with edible produce with an estimated 3,000 turtles a year being used for local consumption.

Few visitors to the Caymans miss the opportunity of going to Hell – a small village on the west coast of Grand Cayman from where postcards with the distinctive postmark are sent by the thousands.



George Town harbour in the Caymans – a peaceful but costly delight for tourists

## Unique turtle farm



And for fishermen, there is still a million dollars in cash waiting to be collected for the registered angler who breaks the International Game Fishing Association's existing all-tackle Atlantic blue marlin record of 1,282 lb.

The two sister islands, Cayman Brac and Little Cayman, are each a 30-minute flight away from Grand Cayman. Cayman Brac, 12 miles long and a little more than a mile wide, has a population of 1,300, four taxis, and a handful of select hotels each in its own stunning surroundings.

For those who find even that too busy, the ultimate in going back to nature is Little Cayman, which is even smaller, with a population of no more than 30.

On Grand Cayman, night life is developing slowly, with entertainment at most hotels and local discotheques. There is no gambling, because of the strong religious atmosphere throughout the islands. The choice of restaurants is wide and varied, with local dishes including conch, lobster and turtle steak.

American visitors dominate, though numbers from Britain are increasing, and annual tourist numbers by both air and cruise ships continue to rise. With the cumulative tourist figure to the end of September at 354,820 (and the high season yet to come) there are clear indications of fresh records for 1987.

Tourism as an industry gives work to 35.6 per cent of the total working population, and the various taxes are of fundamental importance to the government's annual revenue.

# Swashbuckling history

Christopher Columbus did not make a particularly flattering entry in his diary of May 10, 1503, when he had been blown off course on his fourth trip to the New World and sighted Cayman Brac and Little Cayman. He wrote of "two very small and low islands, full of tortoises (turtles), as was the sea all about, insomuch that they looked like little rocks..."

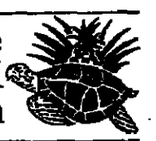
Sir Francis Drake, the first-recorded British visitor, was not much kinder in 1586 when he noted seeing "great serpents called Caymanas like large lizards, which are edible". The word "Caymanas" was derived from the Carib Indian word for the marine crocodile, which is known to have lived in the islands, and the name has been retained ever since.

The supply of turtles made the Caymans a popular calling place for ships sailing the Caribbean – though over-fishing soon denuded local waters of the turtles. The first recorded settlements were made in the 1660s, from Jamaica, and British possession of the islands was recognized by the Treaty of Madrid (1670).

For a long time they were a base of operations for British privateers roaming the Caribbean in search of prizes, and one of their leaders, Sir Henry Morgan, often used Cayman. Into the 1700s the Caymans were popular with such pirates as Edward Teach (Blackbeard), Neal Walker, George Lowther and Thomas Anstis even after the Treaty of Utrecht of 1713 had supposedly stopped privateering.

In November, 1788, an event occurred which became a legendary part of the Caymans' history. The leading ship of a convoy of Jamaica merchantmen hit a reef in Gun Bay, on the east end of Grand Cayman, and her signal to keep off was disastrously misunderstood by the nine following ships, which all foundered on the same reef. Through the heroism of those on shore, however, no lives were lost.

## Justice on UK pattern



The early inhabitants had been mixed groups of shipwrecked and marooned sailors, debtors, deserters from Cromwell's army, buccaneers and beachcombers, with serious settlement taking place only in the early part of the 18th century.

The first census, taken in 1802, showed a Grand Cayman population of 933, of whom 551 were slaves. By 1835, when slavery was abolished, there were more than 950 slaves, and emancipation paved the way for the present homogeneous society.

In 1906, more than a fifth of the population of 5,000 was directly connected with the sea. As late as the 1950s the government's annual report recorded that the main export was of seamen and their remittances were the mainstay of the economy.

The Caymans were long a dependency of Jamaica, and remained that until 1959, when the first written constitution came into effect, although they still came under the governor of Jamaica. In 1962, when Jamaica became independent, the Cayman Islands opted to remain under the Crown and became a British Colony.

Laws are now made by the Legislative Assembly, made of up 12 members elected every four years and three official members appointed by the governor, who acts as president of the assembly. The governor is appointed by the Queen.

Justice is administered according to the British pattern. Decisions of the lower court can be appealed to the Grand Court, and from there to the Court of Appeal, which sits in Cayman two or three times a year and is composed of appeal-court judges from Jamaica.

In the absence of tax, government revenues are derived from import duties, licence fees, stamp duty on real-estate transactions, sales of stamps and numismatic coins, tourist accommodation and travel taxes.

The Cayman Islands proudly claim that they have always been able to finance their recurrent expenditure from local revenue, and have never had to look to Britain for grant-in-aid to balance the annual budget.

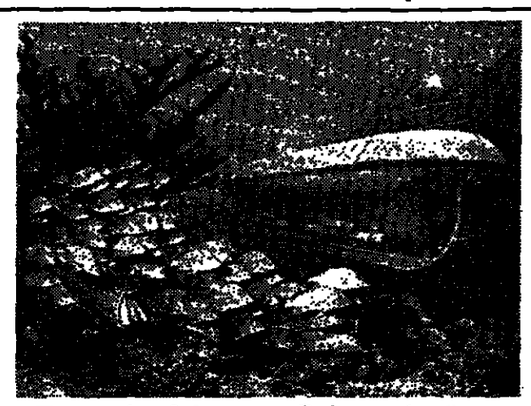


The present governor, Alan Scott. The Cayman Islands opted to remain under the Crown and became a British Colony in 1962

# Nature's riches in danger

The Cayman Islands are endowed with several rare species of flora and fauna, which are classified endangered either by the international CITES convention or by local laws.

The waters that surround the three islands are rich in coral and marine life, and all species of black coral (*Antipatharia*) in an unworked state are protected. And the islands have extensive wetlands which serve as a stopping point for birds migrating between North and South America.



Three species of giant sea turtles are found in Cayman waters: the green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), the hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), and the loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*).

During non-breeding seasons, local laws permit controlled taking of wild turtles for use within the islands, but not for export. In 1978, the US banned the importing of turtle products and other countries have similar prohibitions.

On land, the Cayman are home to the iguana (*Cyclura nubila lewisi* and *caymanensis*), which can be found in remote areas of all three islands, and to various types of Cayman parrots – mostly green with red throat, neck and cheeks. The front of their head is white, the edges of their wings blue.

About 20 species of orchids are found in the Caymans – both tree-dwelling and ground varieties, and of these, five are considered endemic to the islands, being found nowhere else in the world. Many are considered endangered.

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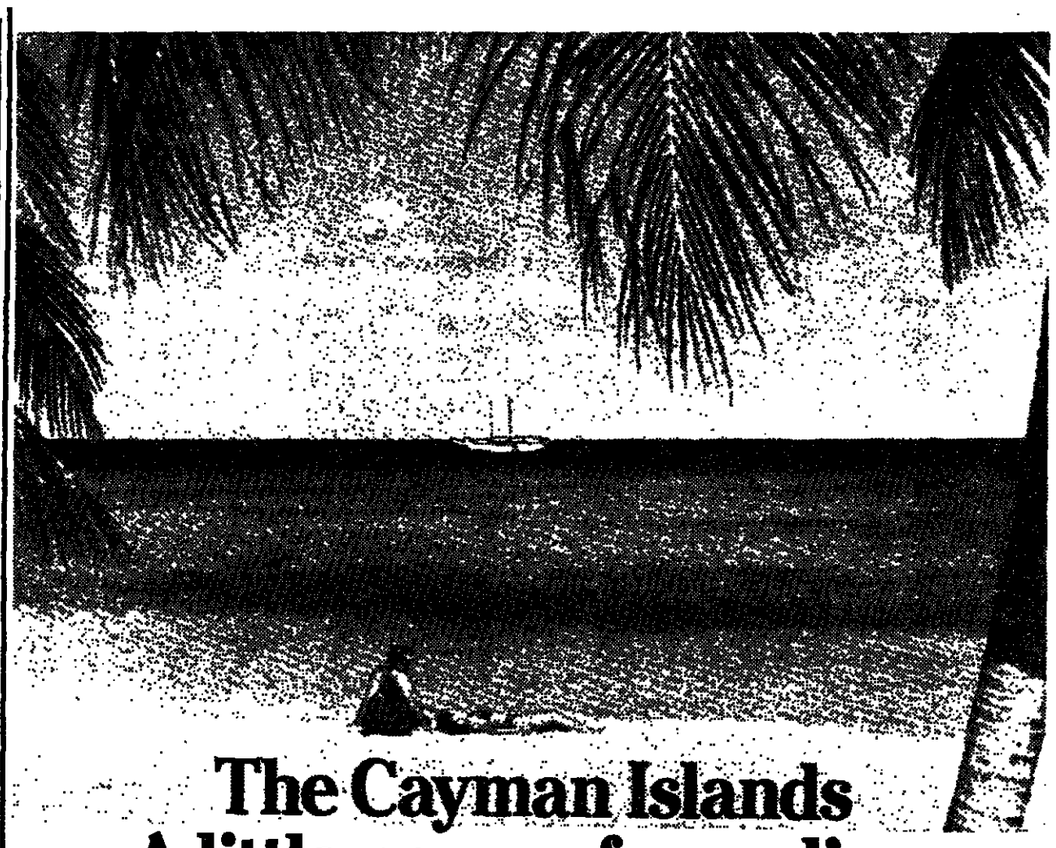
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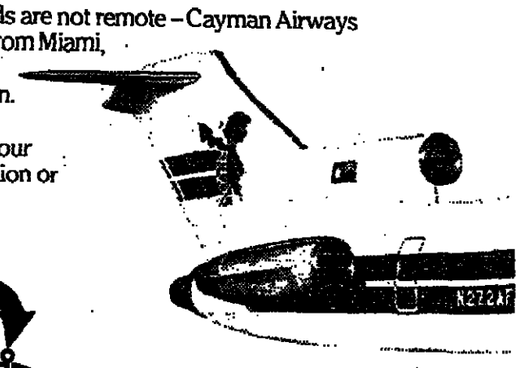
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# Hearts and profits are in the trim

By Peta Levi

Aggressive selling, investment in technology, flexible-product designs and quick delivery have helped Rustin Allen to erode foreign domination of the decorative furniture-trim market in the UK. This eight-year-old company now has 50 to 60 per cent of the British market and sells to the Middle East, Singapore, Hong Kong, Korea, China, the United States and Australasia. Exports account for 15 per cent of the expected £2 million turnover this year.

Nigel Rustin, now 42, started the company after visiting a West German furniture fittings exhibition, at which German and Belgium companies dominated the decorative furniture trim sector and there were no UK manufacturers.

Rustin, an industrial engineer, had worked in production management and sales in several companies, and in 1979 he and an engineering colleague, Ray Allen, formed the company with only £1,200 between them. They set up in Rustin's home, where they designed the first trims, sub-contracting manufacture to a plastic-extrusion factory and using the garage as a warehouse and a workshop.

Rustin, who knew the DIY industry, visited seven UK wholesalers; five of them placed a total of £30,000 of orders. As loads of trim started being shipped into their own and a neighbour's garage, the council, prodded by other neighbours' complaints, served a notice on them.

Alternative premises were found in a 1,000 sq ft shop in East Finchley, but were soon outgrown. They faced a dilemma — either find a second subcontractor (the first couldn't cope with more work) or start manufacturing.

Rustin said: "As we had developed various techniques for finishing we thought we should keep the technology in-house." So in 1983 they borrowed for the first time, obtaining a £120,000 10-year bank loan. This enabled them to buy a half-acre site in Edgware and it cost them £90,000 to refurbish and equip the factory, which now has six automatic extrusion lines. The products sell mainly to manufacturers of bedroom furniture.



Nigel Rustin: "We thought we should keep the technology in house"

The main problem has been finding skilled and even unskilled labour. Rustin said: "To solve the problem we have set up a five-year day-release apprenticeship scheme to train 16-year-olds in extrusion technology and tool-room technology. We make all our own tools." Today the company employs 40 people and 15 outworkers help with finishing processes.

The frames can be treated with the same variety of trim finishes — paint, wood grain, gilding, suede or hot-foil printing, and will challenge wooden frames as they are more stable, consistent in size and can be cut to any length. Rustin said: "We will develop other products from the material."

# More firms surviving their lift-off

By Derek Harris

**Small businesses, helped with advice and other practical help by local enterprise agencies, have a significantly improved survival rate, according to a new survey by Business in the Community (BIC).**

**The survey, based on the experiences of about 500 enterprises, found the number of agency-assisted businesses failing in the first three full years after start-up was one in six. That compares with the conventionally-cited failure rate for small businesses of one in three in the first three years.**

**The proportion of businesses which ceased trading was 15.4 per cent, with no major differences between agencies — although those in the South of England largely showed up a lower failure rate. There were somewhat better survival rates where agencies provided the chance of regular meetings, newsletters and similar means of maintaining contact.**

**Male proprietors were found to have a lower failure rate (14.4 per cent) than females (22.8 per cent). The lower the turnover level of a business the higher was the risk of failure, with those of less than £20,000 annual turnover having a failure rate of 31.1 per cent.**

**Businesses with family support, found in 58 per cent of the sample, had a lower failure rate of 10.4 per cent than the 22.1 per cent found with others where such support was lacking.**

**Enterprises which were limited companies had the lowest failure rate of 5.1 per cent. This compared with the much higher figures for partnerships (18.8 per cent) and sole traders (20.1 per cent).**

**Average employment at the businesses surveyed was 5.8 jobs, including that of the owner. During last year there was an average net gain of one job per business. At failed businesses average employment when they ceased trading was 1.4 jobs.**

## BRIEFING

■ A new Post Office service which is expected to appeal to small businesses enables company advertising messages to be displayed in post offices from this week. The messages will be on a moving strip using lights, two colours and sparkling effects. The claim is that on average the messages will be seen by 40 per cent of adults in a given area. Only one business in a given trade category will be accepted and Nu-Media, as the new concept is called, is selling space on a first-come-first-served basis.

■ Seminars to help small businesses in the Hampshire and Isle of Wight areas to take more advantage of opportunities in Europe are being organized from next month, initially at Portsmouth and subsequently in Basingstoke and Southampton.

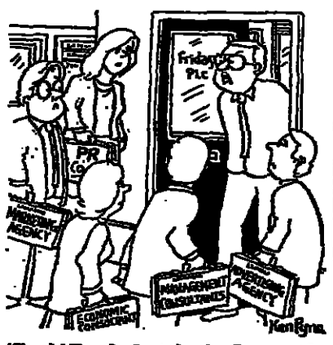
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■ A series of workshops to help marketing skills in small businesses was launched yesterday by Mr John Cope, the employment minister with special responsibilities for small businesses. There will be 26 of them to be held during November and December in all regions of the country.

The workshops, putting over the idea that marketing is a complete concept for running a successful business, will be run by the Institute of Marketing backed up by the three sponsors, the Department of Employment, Manpower Services Commission and Lloyds Bank.

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By Christopher Warman
*Property Correspondent*

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It states that for the first time since 1978-79, there are real total returns and real rental growth in the office, retail and industrial sectors. Overall, property has shown real capital growth, and Richard Ellis predict that the institutions will increase their buying activity, encouraged by the improving performance figures linked to the awareness that the equity market cannot sustain the growth rate witnessed over the past two years.

The results published in the reports imply the completion of a full cycle of the UK property investment markets since the inception of Richard Ellis' property market indicators in 1978. More than 850 properties, valued at £1.4 billion, form the basis for their research.

They forecast that next year institutions will turn their attention to the office sector. At present, the market provides a good foundation for growth, both in rental terms and by way of falling yields. "One of the key factors which will influence the decision making of investors over the coming year is planning. It may be that planning authorities will continue to exercise tight control by the imposition of additional conditions on planning consents," the report says.

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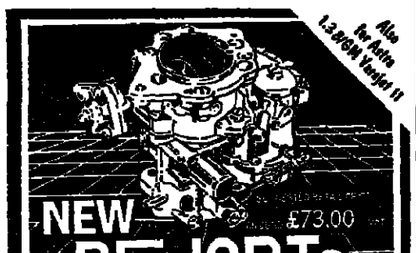
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Motoring by Clifford Webb

# Nissan unveils luxury Bluebird

These are testing times for Nissan. Production at its Washington, Tyne and Wear, factory is said to increase by 50 per cent next year from 30,000 to 45,000 cars. More importantly they will reach the 60 per cent "local content" which qualifies them as British built and not subject to the long-running quota which restricts Japanese cars to 11 per cent of the British market.

In theory Nissan can increase its sales here in step with Washington production which is planned to reach some 150,000 cars a year by the early 1990s. In practice a substantial proportion will be exported to Europe, a prospect which is already upsetting French and Italian car makers who have been sheltering behind more stringent anti-Japanese car barriers than Britain.

The more immediate problem for Nissan is that all 45,000 are Bluebirds. This Sierra-Cavaliar sized family car, available in either hatchback or saloon guise, is reliable, well put together and very competitively priced. But it has little charisma.

Nissan's solution is to follow a well trodden path. Every successful range of big sellers has an eye-catching, expensive, image building version. The Bluebird Executive launched at Motorfair last week is Nissan's answer.

Starting with the standard 120 mph Bluebird 1.8 ZX Turbo its rather conservative lines have been pepped up with a body styling kit developed by Nissan Deutchsland.

It now sports a deep front spoiler, fully integrated bumpers, side skirts and rear apron — all colour matched to the rest of the car.

But the exterior changes are only part of the story. The Executive is easily the most lavishly equipped mass produced car in its class. The transformation starts when you open the door to be greeted by the smell of real leather — hand stitched Connolly hide on the seats, steering wheel, head restraints, arm rests, gear knob, hand brake grip and door panels.

The next shock is to find air conditioning. That already accounts for over £2,500 worth of luxuries normally only found on cars in the £20,000 + class. There is much more to come: six speaker stereo hi-fi, central locking, electric windows, sun roof and exterior mirrors, power steering and alloy wheels.

The price has not been fixed yet but I would expect it to be around £13,500. Will it sell well? With the present over lavish fittings I have my doubts. Cut out the leather and the air condititioning — it is still a Bluebird after all — and it would be a winner.

I would not be surprised to find the Executive being offered with the customer's own choice of goodies and not simply as a standard package.

# Hi-tech refinement on the new Senator

Vauxhall's new Senator 3.0i CD replaces a competent and much under-rated predecessor according to owners who are surprised that it has not sold better. In fact the writing has been on the wall for a long time. It was outdated and not particularly cheap at a time when new Ford, BMW, Jaguar, Mercedes, Rover and Honda models were hotting up the battle in the big car sector.

The new Senator, German made like its predecessor, is another kettle of fish entirely. The only thing that is carried over is the six-cylinder, cam-in-head, three litre engine with Bosch injection. But even that has been improved to increase power and reduce noise and vibration.

It came as no surprise that the newcomer looks like a bigger version of the successful Carlton. The trend throughout the industry today is to retain a family likeness throughout the range. Even a few yards apart the two are confused but not from head on. Senator has an immediately identifiable "potato masher" front grille which I personally like but others hate.

Where Senator scores over many of its rivals is its host of high technology refinement. The so-called Advanced Chassis Technology (ACT) has already been seen on Carlton. It features a tiny amount of rear wheel steer for increased stability during cornering. It seems to work well because this is the best handling big car from General Motors to date.

One of the problems with a big fast car is the need to compromise between a soft ride for comfort and a stiff ride for performance. GM's solution is a three position setting on the dampers — Comfort, Medium or Sport — and all controlled by the driver with a switch.

Comfort transforms the Senator into a sloppy, American-type boulevard cruiser. Not for me. Sport is much better but is a shade too stiff for all but the most "press on". In practice when the novelty wears off most owners will settle for Medium.

The new Japanese made automatic four-speed gear box has a very high top gear for economical motorway cruising and more high tech in the shape of three choices of gear change points — Economy, Power or Winter. Power shuts out overdrive and hangs on to higher revs in the lower gears while Winter selects third gear to reduce wheel spin when starting on snow or ice.

In addition to the now almost obligatory ABS anti-lock brakes, there is cruise control, air conditioning, electric sunroof and six-speaker radio-cassette player.

The Senator is let down, however, by outlandish digital instruments which rival Blackpool illuminations and are out of place in a car of this class.

### Vital statistics

**Model:** Vauxhall Senator 3.0i CD
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# Four more teams set to waive cup deadline

By Barry Pickthall

Four more America's Cup syndicates look set to follow the lead taken by Graham Walker and New Zealand's Michael Fay in ignoring the San Diego YC's deadline for entry fees for the club's contentious first defence in 1991. Another intends to place a stop on its cheque.

Tom Ehman, chief executive of Dennis Conner's Sail America group, which has been awarded the contract to manage the Californian club's America's Cup defence, claimed this week that any syndicates who failed to lodge their $25,000 entry fee by tomorrow would exclude themselves from the next series, despite the court action being waged in New York by New Zealand in an effort to force San Diego to accept its challenge in 90ft waterline yachts next year.

Graham Walker, head of Britain's White Horse-sponsored group, said yesterday that Sail America was merely trying to strengthen its case in the likely event of an appeal on the decision expected shortly from the Supreme Court and that "we are not prepared to be part of that game."

Michael Fay, head of the New Zealand syndicate, was more derisory, dismissing Ehman's warning as ridiculous and entirely inappropriate. "Sail America appears to have forgotten that the first decision on the next America's Cup will be made by Judge Ciparick in the new York Supreme Court — for 1988.

"In the circumstances it is unreasonable to demand that challengers meet deadlines and pay entry fees while the timing and class of yacht for the next cup are undecided. There is no provision in the Deed of Gift for a defender to impose these sort of conditions without the consent of the challenger or challengers".

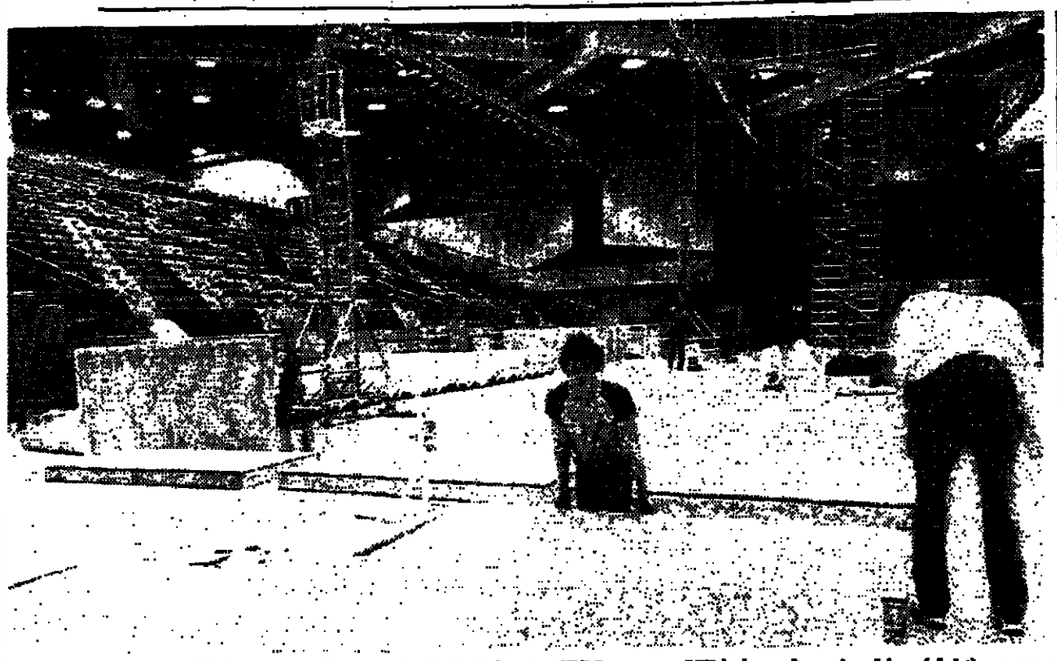
Another deadline likely to be waived is Britain's proposed entry for the Australian Southern Cross offshore racing series due today. Last week the Royal Ocean Racing Club sent out a plea to its members to charter three yachts for the series. So far only two groups have come forward.

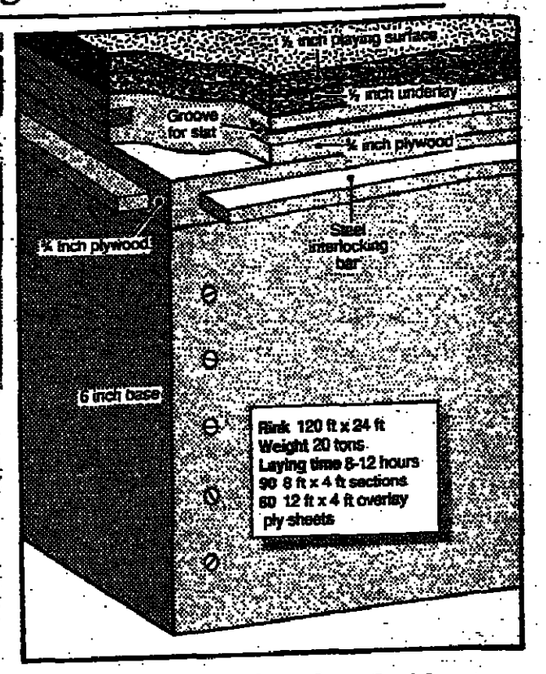
This leaves the club looking for one further group prepared to put up the $Aus20,000 charter fee in order to make up a three-boat team to sail the 1985 Australian Admiral's Cup yacht, Drake's Prayer, the Davidson-designed 40ft production yacht, Blue Max, and a new Bruce Farr-designed one tonner due to be launched next week.

As delegates from the International Yacht Racing Union and Offshore Racing Council prepare to discuss at their annual conferences in London next week how best to put a stop to cheating, the Royal Naval Sailing Association, organizers of the Whitbread Round the World Race, has taken steps to halt the movement of ballast in yachts entering the 1989 event.

It has ruled that water tanks must be sited amidships, negating any advantage crews might gain from shifting this ballast. Portable tanks are also proscribed.

## Artificial greens have helped bring wider exposure in larger venues to indoor bowls






Laying the artificial green at Preston Guild Hall for the CIS Insurance UK indoor championships; (right) a cross-section of one of the pallets that make up the rink

# Change running more than surface-deep

Few would have predicted 10 years ago that indoor bowls would become one of the most popular televised sports, engulfed with eager and accomodating sponsors willing to increase prize money in their quest for exposure. Like snooker, a marketing success-story has benefited bowls and this year there are more events and more sponsors than ever before.

Before the CIS Insurance UK championships, which begin at the Preston Guild Hall tomorrow, were introduced in 1983, top events were held at centres such as Coatbridge, in Glasgow, which is perhaps the best-known of Britain's fully-recognised, affiliated indoor centres. It is acceptable to bowlers but, with its limited spectator accomodation and low ceilings, incompatible with the demands of the new-found public interest.

This problem was solved with a plan remarkable in its simplicity. Why not construct a portable bowling green that can be placed in any major centre? The purists, who could not believe that top-class greens could be produced under such a scheme, at first found this hard to accept, but it has provided the answer so emphatically that the UK championships, for the fifth successive year, will be contested on a portable series of wooden pallets that took 12 hours to lay and which, eight days later, will be simply lifted to enable the Guild Hall to return to hosting ballroom dancing lessons.

Mike Williams, a Bristol-based staging manufacturer, produced a special rink made up of 90 wooden pallets weighing 20 tons and spanning 2,880 square feet. Two thin strips of plywood were laid on top to strengthen this construction and a special laser-beam was then used to ensure that the finished surface was perfectly level. "The beauty of the construction is that the measurements can be altered to suit any requirement, and by using the laser beam we are able to obtain a phenomenal accuracy," Williams said.

The second, and equally important ingredient to a top-class bowling green, is the carpet, a playing surface which determines the characteristics of a match. Indoor bowls provides an opportunity for the best bowlers to compete on level terms. "Conditions are stable indoors and conducive to touch play," Tony Allcock, the reigning indoors singles and doubles world champion, explained.

The Preston carpet has a crumb rubber underlay which, according to David Bryant, who won last month's Liverpool Victoria Superbowl title to add to his wealth of victories, provides the best playing surface possible. Other materials have either been too soft, producing a heavy and therefore slow green, or too hard, resulting in the opposite. With this underlay it takes the wood exactly 14 seconds from delivery to stopping exactly 90 feet away, which, in bowling terms, is just about perfect.

"There is a lot of money at stake so the greens need to be as flat as a snooker table," Bryant said. "Apart from the quality of the materials used, the level of the carpet is imperative. If there is any irregularity, then it will control the wood's course, straightening or bending against the intentions of the bowler."

That, then, is why you will never see an indoor green rolled up after a tournament. But you might glimpse what looked like the Guild Hall's floor being stacked in neat piles and wheeled away some time next weekend.

Ian Stafford

# Rees drawn for re-match with Bryant

By Gordon Allan

Prize money for the CIS United Kingdom indoor singles championship, which begins at the Guild Hall, Preston, tomorrow, has been increased by £5,400 to £34,000. The winner from the 32 competitors will collect £8,000, £1,000 more than last year.

Stephen Rees, of Wales, who beat David Bryant by five sets to four in the 1986 final, opens the proceedings with a match against Rodney McCutcheon, of Ireland. At the other end of the draw Bryant, champion in the first year of this event, 1983, and winner of the Superbowl a fortnight ago, plays Michael Keat of Wales on Monday evening.

The other previous champions, Terry Sullivan (1984) and Jim Baker (1985), are in Bryant's half of the draw. Bryant could play Baker in the semi-finals. But first he may have to beat Ian Bruce, one of the two Scots — the other was Hugh Duff — who unexpectedly reached the semi-finals of the world singles at Coatbridge last February. Duff, too, is playing at Preston. Bruce's match with David Corkill is one of the most interesting in the first round.

First round matches are over the best of three sets. All subsequent matches are best of five, except the final, on November 8, which is best of nine.

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Nathan L C (2nd Class Honours); Navapurkar D U; Nazerali J; Neal J C; Neale S M; Needham M A; Neil S G; Nelson A; Nelson C; Nelson M N; Nelson C C; Nemeth D M; Nettleship I M; Neville A; Neville W J W; Newberry P V; Newman K J; Newman R; Newton S M; Nicholas A E; Nicholas R C; Nicholas R N; Nicholas T S; Nicholls C N; Nicholson T C; Nicol A L; Nicole J J (2nd Class Honours); Nightingale D R; Noble C H (2nd Class Honours); Nolan A J; Nolan E J; North L W F; North R M; North S J D; Norton D J; Nott S D; Nozari C; Nsaa J E; Nuttey C L.

O'Brien C; O'Brien M F; O'Clerihan M P; O'Connell M A; O'Connor J F; O'Connor M A; O'Donnell A D; O'Neill J P; Oakes J M; Oakley M D; Oates A D; Oconi C R; Offer D S; Ogden J; Ogden S; Ogilvie K; Ogles A R; Oliver R; Organ H; Orme R P; Orrell P C; Osler H; Osmond A M; Outton J M; Oveaden S F; Owen A G; Owen C J L; Owen R J; Owen S L.

Packer M J; Page E M H; Page H; Painter R M; Palliser S; Palmer A C R (2nd Class Honours); Palmer C; Papageorgiou C; Papaioannou A; Papaioannou K; Papworth R N (2nd Class Honours); Parfitt J; Parfitt S; Parke D J; Parker G H; Parker H E; Parker J; Parker J M; Parkhouse S J (1st Class Honours); Parkinson H L; Parkinson L J (2nd Class Honours); Parnell J; Parmar P P M; Parr J; Parrett C M; Parrington L J; Parry C L; Parry G; Parry R J; Parsons C J; Parsons M R; Partington M; Partington M; Pascall A; Patel B; Patel B; Patel H; Patel J; Patel K; Patel M; Peterson J P; Pathmanathan M; Patmore L; Patrick J C; Pattinson A; Pattinson R C; Pattison H M; Paul I S; Pavey K A; Pawley M T; Payne M C; Peach A J; Peachey R J; Pearce A B; Pearce K A; Pearson D R; Peck A T; Peddell L T; Peel J E; Peel W E; Peermohamed S E; Pegg A; Pegrum R M E; Pell-Ibberton R C; Pelzer P; Pengelly D W; Pennajan J F; Penchyal J S; Perry C; Perry J; Persad J; Persaud A; Persaud N; Persaud R R; Peters A J; Peters J E; Petavel B J (2nd Class Honours); Petch J; Petchey P M; Phillips A R; Phillips G L; Phillips J A; Phillips K M; Phillips P S; Phillips R A (2nd Class Honours); Phillips R S (2nd Class Honours); Philpott P; Pickering C M L; Pierce P L; Pierce M; Pigott A J; Pilett S F; Pilgrim P; Pinches J A; Pinner C S; Pitcher R W; Pitchford R M; Pitchford S N; Pitargue D C E; Pitman R J; Pitt-Brooke R F; Pittem D J; Pittock D C; Pitts A L; Pitts P; Polson A G; Pooling A L; Popat V; Popplewell N F M (1st Class Honours); Porter-Girard A S; Portal R M; Portmeirs N K D; Porter A C; Possener A M; Potter D M J; Potter S K (2nd Class Honours); Poulton R M; Powell D S V; Powell G; Powell P R; Powell S D; Power A P; Poynton I M; Prades L S; Prasad D; Preece C; Price A E; Price D J; Price D J; Price K J; Price S C; Price S G; Prichard A J; Pritchard J; Prockter A; Prosser H A; Protopapas Z; Prout C A; Prowse P A (2nd Class Honours); Pryser S E; Pudge D J; Pullin A J; Pulver M H; Purdy G H C; Pye A J; Qasim S N; Quinn B; Quirke M T.

Race A J M; Radcliffe A J; Radcliffe J; Radia S K; Rafe S P M; Raid K K; Raison F J; Raitz A H D; Ralph F; Ralegalee S M; Ramage S L; Ramsbotham S J; Ramsden J; Ramsden R; Ranatkumar C; Ratnayake H B; Ratti S L; Rawlings D S; Rawnsley P J; Ray A K; Rayal H; Raynes D A; Read C J; Reasbeck J L; Redgate T C W; Rees M C; Rees R S (2nd Class Honours); Reese T D; Reese N C E; Reeves M D; Reid J; Reid K A; Reisenthel A L E (2nd Class Honours); Rengert B E; Reuben K A; Revitt L; Reynolds M; Rhead L A; Rice J C; Rich A M T; Richards J M; Richards V A; Richardson A S; Richardson D J; Richardson J; Richardson K J; Richardson-Bunbury T W; Richmond A J B; Ridley A D; Riley A J; Rimbud D A J; Robbins Q S J; Roberts A P; Roberts G D C; Roberts G D; Roberts I D (2nd Class Honours); Roberts J M; Roberts M; Robertson J; Rob

RACING

# Media Starguest suited by return to best trip

By Mandarin

**Media Starguest, on the market as part of Alan Clore's intended bloodstock dispersal, can enhance his value by winning the Breeders' Cup Classic Trial at Newmarket this afternoon. He is my nap.**

The three-year-old, trained by Luca Cumani, was denied a winning opportunity by the loss of Dewhurst day here earlier this month, but he looks set to make up for that disappointment now.

Two of his three wins this season have been gained at this trip but he has also run with credit over further, notably last time out when a length fourth to Roushayd in the valuable 1½-mile Tote Festival Handicap at Ascot last month.

That was a fine effort for a three-year-old under 9st 12lb and he is reported to have been working well since. Back to what is probably his best distance he should give a good account of himself.

Timefighter finished in front of All Haste here last time — he was subsequently placed third for interference — but a greater danger may be Street Line, who won a listed race at Goodwood last time and previously made the useful Lake Erie pull out all the stops at Ayr.



David Arbuthnot: trains the improving Vivienda (3.20)

All Haste, whose promotion over Timefighter enabled him to complete a treble, can extend his successful run in the George Stubbs EBF Stakes.

He has proved his versatility with victories over a number a different trips and looks to have the edge over the inconsistent Petrizzo and the handicappers Guarde Royale and Surf Board.

Vivienda was a hugely impressive winner at Newbury last week, beating Late Matinee by six lengths in what had looked a competitive nursery.

She is penalized 7lb for that success but the manner of her win suggests that it may not be enough to stop her following up in the Potter Trophy Nursery.

Zaffaran, a half-brother to Shareef Dancer, is reported to have shown plenty of promise at home and can make a successful debut in the Soham Maiden Stakes, while Sequestrator can give trainer Willie Musson a second successive win in the November Selling Handicap.

The National Hunt season is gathering momentum and the Plymouth Gin Haldon Gold Challenge Cup Chase at Devon promises a fascinating duel between Pearlyman and Very Promising, first and second in last season's Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham.

Although Very Promising is 8lb better off for a neck defeat his stable has taken a little time to find form this season and I prefer Pearlyman, a winner on his debut last term.

The best bet at Wetherby could be the improving Firm Price, who is unbeaten in his last three starts. He can defy top weight in the Green Hammerton Handicap Hurdle at the main expense of The Jolly Beggar, from the in-form Jimmy Fitzgerald stable.

## Blinkered first time

NEWMARKET: 1.45 Low Key. 3.20 Dr Sock It To Me, Tapestry Prints.

# Desert Orchid returns with impressive win

**Desert Orchid, the most exciting chaser in training, lived up to his reputation on his seasonal debut at Wincanton yesterday. Adopting his inimitable trail-blazing style of running, he won by almost a fence from the American horse Sugar Bee.**

**"I was quite happy for him to have a soft race today but I will be hoping for more competition next time," David Elsworth said.**

**Desert Orchid will run at Kempton in the Rank Boxing Day Trial Chase in preparation for the King George VI Chase, a race he won last season.**

**Sugar Bee, here to be trained by Tim Forsterfor the Grand National, gave an exemplary display of jumping on his first appearance in England.**

**Bonanza Boy took the Pells Humbug Novices' Chase by a comfortable 10 lengths, his second success in two starts over fences. Trainer Philip Hobbs commented: "Bonanza Boy is inclined to be a bit careful at the moment but that's not a bad thing. Now he's had two educating runs over fences I may take him to Newbury for a BMW Qualifier."**

# Arab interest in securing Clore empire

**Paul Nataf, the president of the bloodstock agency Horse France, yesterday confirmed that an Arab racing concern has expressed interest in acquiring Triptych and the remainder of Alan Clore's 300-horse empire (Michael Seely writes).**

**"I must stress, however, that no firm offer has yet been made and until they tell us how much money they are prepared to put on the table speculation about the size of the projected sale is pointless," said Nataf, who hopes to be in a position to clarify the situation early next week.**

## NEWMARKET

### Selections

| By Mandarin | By Our Newmarket Correspondent |
|---|---|
| 1.15 Zaffaran. | 1.15 Zaffaran. |
| 1.45 Sequestrator. | 1.45 Sequestrator. |
| 2.15 MEDIA STARGUEST (nap). | 2.15 MEDIA STARGUEST (nap). |
| 2.50 All Haste. | 2.50 Surf Board. |
| 3.20 Vivienda. | 3.20 Cotton On Quick. |
| 3.50 Shadow Minister. | 3.50 Shadow Minister. |
| 4.15 Cruise Ship. | 4.15 Al Muhalhal. |

By Michael Seely

2.50 All Haste. 3.20 Vivienda.

**Going: good** **Draw: no advantage**

**1.15 SOHAM HOUSE STAKES** (2-Y-O: £5,364: 1m) (19 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 102 | (7) | 1 | SIMON RATTLE 32 (G) (O Waller) P Walwyn 9-0 | J Reid | 96 |
| 106 | (8) | | AKAYLAAH (Mrs C Persad) E Eldin 8-10 | J Quinn (5) | — |
| 108 | (13) | | ARSONIST (G B Turnbull Ltd) W Jarvis 8-10 | B Raymond | — |
| 109 | (14) | 4 | ASSATIS 26 (K Abdulla) G Harwood 8-10 | Pat Eddery | ● 99 |
| 110 | (19) | | BRACOY (Mrs M Bradley) N Vigors 8-10 | P Cook | — |
| 113 | (10) | | HILLMEAD (R Kirstein) G Harwood 8-10 | G Starkey | — |
| 114 | (4) | 00 | ICE COLONY 15 (J Allbritton) John FitzGerald 8-10 | R Hills | 87 |
| 116 | (6) | | KAHYASI (Aga Khan) L Cumani 8-10 | R Cochrane | — |
| 117 | (3) | 0 | KALA COMET 15 (J Nash) J Hindley 8-10 | M Hills | — |
| 118 | (16) | | KRAYBOURNE (Rhodaboume Ltd) R Casey 8-10 | P Hamblett | — |
| 121 | (12) | 00 | NORTHERN TERRITORY 6 (Miss T Healy-Singh) D O'Donnell 8-10 | D McKay | — |
| 122 | (2) | | ORCHARD STREET (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 8-10 | S Perks | — |
| 125 | (11) | 00 | SAGAMO 18 (J Nash) J Hindley 8-10 | N Day | 89 |
| 128 | (17) | 0 | STRATFORD PONDS 15 (M Sanderson) E Eldin 8-10 | R Cochrane | — |
| 130 | (18) | 0 | TAY WHARF 13 (J Gradley) C Brittain 8-10 | S Cauthen | — |
| 132 | (15) | | ZAFFARAN (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-10 | W R Swinburn | — |
| 133 | (9) | | ZUMIREZ (M Riordan) W Hastings-Bass 8-10 | R Lines (3) | 9 |
| 136 | (1) | 0 | BANKET 15 (Lord Halifax) J Dunlop 8-5 | B Rouse | — |
| 137 | (5) | 4 | BESTENA 55 (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 8-5 | W Carson | 81 |

BETTING: 2-1 Assatis, 4-1 Zaffaran, 11-2 Simon Rattle, 8-1 Bestena, Kahyasi, Tay Wharf, 10-1 Banket, Zumirez, 12-1 others.

1988: PILLAR OF WISDOM 8-9 Paul Eddery (2-1 fav) O Douleb 15 ran

**FORM** SIMON RATTLE (9-0) made virtually all to beat the consistent Fire Top (9-0) a neck at Goodwood (5f, £2276, good, Sept 28, 12 ran).

ASSATIS (9-0) made some late headway 2¾l 4th behind Charmer (9-0) here on debut (7f, £5170, good to firm, Oct 2, 23 ran).

BANKET, a half-sister to Royal Ascot winner Gull Nook, should improve on a (8-10) 16l 7th of 17 to the well regarded Sea Symphony (9-0) here on debut (1m, £4630, good to soft, Oct 15, 17 ran) with KALA COMET (9-0) 1¾l 9th and STRATFORD PONDS (9-0) unplaced.

ARSONIST (Foaled: Apr 10) is a half-brother to useful sprinter Come On Chase Me.

KAHYASI is the first foal of a French 1m 4f winner.

ZAFFARAN is out of Kentucky Oaks winner Sweet Alliance and a half-brother to Irish Derby winner Shareef Dancer.

Selection: ASSATIS

**1.45 NOVEMBER SELLING HANDICAP** (£1,858: 6f) (21 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 201 | (10) | 000-000 | BOOFY 11 (D,F) (Miss V Markowiak) J Long 4-10-0 | Lesa Long (7) | — |
| 202 | (17) | 030000 | GAMESNOW 11 (V) (P Fox) P Makin 3-8-7 | R Hills | — |
| 205 | (1) | 023030 | KNOCKSHARRY 13 (F) (P White) R Hollinshead 3-9-2 | A Culhane (5) | 88 |
| 206 | (14) | 00-0000 | FEASIBLE 11 (T Daniels) Pat Mitchell 3-9-2 | G Starkey | 84 |
| 207 | (15) | 000004 | BREAKFAST IN BED 17 (C Rennison) W Haigh 4-8-13 | R Cochrane | 94 |
| 208 | (5) | 3-00002 | SEQUESTRATOR 73 (C,F) (G Nunn) W Musson 4-8-12 | B Raymond | 92 |
| 210 | (4) | 021020 | BLOFFA 11 (D,BF,S) (S Slatcher) P Cundell 3-8-10 | Pat Eddery | 91 |
| 211 | (21) | 460348 | PASHMINA 28 (F,S) (Mrs M Morley) T Fairhurst 3-8-9 | S Whitworth | 91 |
| 212 | (19) | 000400 | GLOBAL 38 (G) (F Morrad) W Musson 4-8-9 | M Wigham | 84 |
| 213 | (8) | 001000 | DEMOPUS 24 (D,S) (J Wilman) D Chapman 3-8-6 | A Proud | 90 |
| 214 | (3) | 210400 | SHY MISTRESS 18 (D,G) (J Abbey) A W Jones 4-8-4 | T Williams | 94 |
| 215 | (9) | 004100 | MY SERENADE 23 (D,F) (D Holmes) P Bevan 3-8-4 | J Quinn (5) | 93 |
| 216 | (2) | 000-000 | LOW KEY 39 (B) (Mount Pleasant Contracts Ltd) N Callaghan 4-8-3 | G Bardwell (5) | — |
| 217 | (12) | 024000 | MR BERKELEY 28 (V,F) (Mrs C Tinkler) C Tinkler 3-8-1 | J Lowe | 95 |
| 220 | (7) | 100000 | HEAVENLY CAROL 116 (B) (K Cundell) P Cundell 4-8-0 | G Carter | 88 |
| 221 | (11) | 304000 | QUICK STICKS 14 (E Stockdale) D Chapman 3-7-10 | L Charnock | 93 |
| 222 | (6) | 200302 | SHARI LOUISE 11 (B,F,S) (Dr S Foster) J Spearing 4-7-10 | W Carson | 98 |
| 223 | (20) | 038100 | MAUREEN'S CAVALIER 17 (D,F) (C Cousins) P Burgoyne 3-7-9 | C Rutter | 92 |
| 224 | (18) | 0000-00 | TOWN FAIR 30 (Mrs D Page) R Voorspuy 4-7-7 | N Adams | — |
| 225 | (15) | 000000 | TAMALPAIS 30 (B) (D Watts) H Collingridge 4-7-7 | Dale Gibson (7) | — |
| 226 | (13) | 440000 | GOODNIGHT MASTER 24 (A Russell) A Moore 3-7-7 | S Dawson | ● 99 |

BETTING: 9-2 Shari Louise, 5-1 Mr Berkeley, Global Shy Mistress, 6-1 Bloffa, My Serenade, 8-1 Pashmina, Sequestrator, 10-1 others.

1988: FOOLISH TOUCH 4-10-0 M Wigham (4-1) W Musson 23 ran

**FORM** BREAKFAST IN BED, best effort of season last time at Redcar (6f, h'cap, £2638, good to soft, Oct 13, 21 ran) running on (9-4) 7l 4th to Young Snugfit (9-5), with QUICK STICKS (8-0) behind.

BLOFFA, below form co-favourite in Ladies race last time, previously (7-13) failed by a head in a Lingfield handicap won by Fremont Say (8-6) (6f, £2144, good, Sept 15, 20 ran).

PASHMINA, below form in vicar last time, previously without (8-4) 3½l 4th to Derwent Valley (9-2) at Ayr (6f, h'cap, £2262, good to soft, Sept 17, 13 ran) with DEMOPUS (8-0) 9l 9th.

MR BERKELEY, firm ground winner of Carlisle claimer earlier in the season, made same ground when (8-0) running 2l 5th to Grey Tan (9-7) in Redcar handicap (5f, £2201, Aug 7, 9 ran) with QUICK STICKS (7-9), stumbled badly leaving stalls, was a length 7th.

SHARI LOUISE (9-2) not headed until close home when going down by ¾l to Fox Path (9-10) at Hamilton (6f, £1125, heavy, Oct 19, 9 ran).

GOODNIGHT MASTER, started slowly in Brighton maiden last time, previously (8-11) in similar event at Goodwood ran 8½l 6th to Munadhil (9-0) (6f, £959, soft, Sept 12, 13 ran).

Selection: PASHMINA

**2.15 BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC TRIAL** (Listed Race: £22,437: 1m 2f) (7 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 301 | (6) | 600-402 | BOLD ARRANGEMENT 8 (F,G) (A Richards) C Brittain 4-9-0 | G Starkey | 94 |
| 304 | (4) | 2011181 | DEBACH DELIGHT 47 (G,S) (J Miller) M Tompkins 3-8-9 | G Carter | 75 |
| 305 | (2) | 11-2230 | GRAND TOUR 6 (D,F,S) (L Schoo) W Hastings-Bass 3-8-9 | P Cook | 87 |
| 306 | (1) | 140124 | MEDIA STARGUEST 34 (F,G) (A Clore) L Cumani 3-8-9 | R Cochrane | 96 |
| 308 | (7) | 132121 | STREET LINE 31 (G,S) D (Lord Harrington) M Jarvis 3-8-9 | B Raymond | ● 99 |
| 309 | (3) | 031U0D | TIMEFIGHTER 28 (F) (K Abdulla) J Tree 3-8-9 | Pat Eddery | 90 |
| 311 | (5) | 120310 | BRONZEWING 27 (F,G) (Sir T Pilkington) J Dunlop 3-8-6 | W Carson | 88 |

BETTING: 7-2 Media Starguest, 4-1 Bold Arrangement, Street Line, 9-2 Timefighter, 15-2 Grand Tour, 8-1 Bronzewing, 10-1 Debach Delight.

1988: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

**FORM** BOLD ARRANGEMENT (9-0) ran best race of the season when 4l 2nd to Shady Heights (8-9) at Doncaster last time (1m, Listed, £23139, good, Oct 24, 11 ran).

DEBACH DELIGHT (9-2), an improving filly, with neck win over Gondola (9-2) in German Group III race last time (1m 4f, £14035, good to soft, Sept 13, 8 ran).

MEDIA STARGUEST carried his big weight (9-12) with credit at Ascot (1m 4f, £84162, good, Sept 26, 15 ran), a length behind Roushayd (8-11) in the Festival Handicap.

STREET LINE, a good 2nd to subsequent Group winner Lake Erie on penultimate start, last time (8-9) beat Amerigo Vespucci (9-3) 2l at Goodwood (1m 2f, Listed, £7440, good, Sept 29, 5 ran) with BOLD ARRANGEMENT (9-0) 15l 4th.

TIMEFIGHTER (8-6) came with usual late run to beat All Haste (8-11) a neck here (1m 4f, Listed, £8912, good to firm, Oct 2, 7 ran) but was demoted to third.

BRONZEWING (8-13) was winning her third valuable handicap of season at Ascot (1m, £11843, good, Sept 25, 12 ran) on penultimate start beating Miss Cuddles (7-7) ½l.

Selection: STREET LINE

**2.50 GEORGE STUBBS EBF STAKES** (£9,097: 2m) (4 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 402 | (1) | 420111 | ALL HASTE 28 (C,F,G) C (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 4-9-4 | S Cauthen | ● 99 |
| 403 | (3) | 1320-03 | PETRIZZO 21 (D,G) (C Elliot) C Brittain 6-9-1 | Pat Eddery | 85 |
| 406 | (4) | 213020 | GUARDE ROYALE 34 (S) (F Salaman) H Candy 3-8-7 | W Newnes | 90 |
| 408 | (2) | 420022 | SURF BOARD 15 (BF,F) (Duke of Roxburghe) J Hindley 3-8-7 | M Hills | 91 |

BETTING: Evens All Haste, 9-4 Petrizzo, 4-1 Surf Board, 5-1 Guarde Royale.

1988: PAEAN 3-8-7 W Ryan (10-11 fav) H Cecil 6 ran

**FORM** ALL HASTE, (6-11) awarded race here following neck defeat by Timefighter (8-6) (1m 4f, £8912, good to firm, Oct 2, 7 ran) is hard to oppose in this company.

PETRIZZO is inconsistent and was beaten 10l into 3rd (9-10) by Revisit (8-11) in Ascot handicap last time (2m, £7713, good, Oct 9, 7 ran).

GUARDE ROYALE should stay this trip; best recent effort is a 1½l Goodwood 2nd (8-11) to Roushayd (9-1) (1m 4f, £3954, good to soft, Sept 12, 4 ran).

SURF BOARD is a consistent stayer, beaten a neck by Faux Pavilion here over 2m (good to firm), then (9-1) by same distance by same horse (8-0) over 1m 6f (£5590, soft, Oct 15, 11 ran).

Selection: ALL HASTE

**3.20 POTTER TROPHY NURSERY HANDICAP** (2-Y-O: £4,292: 5f) (18 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 501 | (4) | 313 | MISS CHRISSY 7 (D,G) (Mrs S Freeman) G Balding 8-7 | J Williams | 88 |
| 502 | (17) | 013320 | TOSHAIR FLYER 84 (D,F) (K Beaumont) M Fetherston-Godley 8-5 | Pat Eddery | 88 |
| 504 | (14) | 2100 | JUST JENNINGS 41 (D,F) (T H Jennings Ltd) G Lewis 8-2 | G Sexton | 82 |
| 505 | (3) | 221004 | ERRIS EXPRESS 29 (D,F) (J Ruddy) F Durr 8-13 | G Starkey | 87 |
| 508 | (5) | 413031 | VIVIENDA 6 (D,S) (Exors T S Smith) D Arbuthnot 8-12 (7ex) | M Roberts | ● 99 |
| 509 | (15) | 0033 | SCARNING MOLETTE 24 (M Forbes) J Scallan 8-9 | R Fox | 80 |
| 511 | (12) | 111402 | MERE MELODY 2 (D,G,S) (M Britain) M Britain 8-9 | — | 95 |
| 512 | (1) | 202010 | RECTORY MAID 37 (F) (D Hulme) J Winter 8-8 | W R Swinburn | 82 |
| 514 | (16) | 340 | DR SOCK IT TO ME 31 (B) (Mrs J Segebi) J Setcliffe 8-8 | Dale Gibson (7) | 89 |
| 515 | (18) | 410 | CHUALAR 55 (D,F) (M Jarvis) M Jarvis 8-5 | G Bardwell (5) | 82 |
| 516 | (10) | 333020 | VERY SPECIAL LADY 41 (D,F) (K Deverell) A Ingham 8-4 | D J Williams (5) | 92 |
| 517 | (8) | 0040 | SHAYAD 8 (V) (B Azamoudeh) P Arthur 8-1 | N Adams | 86 |
| 518 | (7) | 332221 | SMALL FEE 18 (D,S) (Mrs G Hallett) M Britain 8-1 | K Darley | 92 |
| 519 | (11) | 013024 | COTTON ON QUICK 11 (B,BF,G) (A Bailey) A Bailey 8-0 | W Carson | 82 |
| 520 | (2) | 300214 | FAIRFIELD LAD 18 (D,S) (J Hay) M Tompkins 7-12 | G Carter | 92 |
| 523 | (6) | 100100 | ARROGANZA 36 (D,F,S) (R Whitaker) R Whitaker 7-8 | J Lowe | 86 |
| 524 | (9) | 004400 | TAPESTRY PRINTS 18 (B,D,S) (K Turner) M Haynes 7-7 | C Rutter | 98 |
| 525 | (13) | 010061 | IMPATIENT CHARLIE 37 (D,F,G) (C Sparrowhawk) R Hannon 7-7 | G Hills | (7) 89 |

BETTING: 5-2 Vivienda, 11-2 Small Fee, Very Special Lady, 6-1 Miss Chrissy, Toshair Flyer, 10-1 Impatient Charlie, Rectory Maid, Tapestry Prints, 12-1 others.

1988: ANOTHER GUEST 7-10 A Shoults (9-2 jt-fav) R Sheather 18 ran

**FORM** MISS CHRISSY is dropped in class after running 4½l 3rd (8-6) to very smart Infanta Real (9-6) in Listed race at Doncaster (5f, £7895, good, Oct 23, 13 ran).

MERE MELODY, who seemed to improve when touched off at Edinburgh on Wednesday (5f; earlier (8-6) won by a 1l at Chepstow from Very Special Lady (9-1) (5f, £1820, good, Sept 12, 10 ran).

SMALL FEE (9-11) beat COTTON ON QUICK (8-12) ¾l at Warwick (5f, £1577, soft, Oct 12, 11 ran) with FAIRFIELD LAD (8-13) 1½l away 4th and TAPESTRY PRINTS (8-12) 8th.

FAIRFIELD LAD (8-10) won a sh hd from Pendine Sands (8-11) with VIVIENDA (8-4) beaten ½l into 3rd and MERE MELODY (10-0) 7l away in 6th (5f, £2145, soft, Oct 6, 15 ran).

VIVIENDA has since shown much improved form over 6f, having up by 6 lengths at Newbury (8-1), where SHAYAD (7-11) was out of first nine (£4715, soft, Oct 24, 19 ran).

IMPATIENT CHARLIE must carry 3lb more than long handicap weight here, but is one to consider on pillar-to-post Sandown victory (7-7). RECTORY MAID (8-10) 4½l back in 5th (5f, £2278, good, Sept 23, 14 ran).

Selection: VIVIENDA

**3.50 EBF RED LODGE MAIDEN STAKES** (Div I: 2-Y-O: £3,593: 6f) (17 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 602 | (10) | | ALL HONESTY (B Pollins) A Hide 9-0 | R Guest | — |
| 605 | (15) | 0 | BRIGHT BERRY 64 (B Murray) D O'Donnell 9-0 | W Newnes | — |
| 608 | (15) | | EJREE (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) H Candy 9-0 | W Newnes | — |
| 609 | (3) | 0 | FAIRWAY ROYALE 8 (Mrs P Makin) P Makin 9-0 | J Reid | — |
| 612 | (7) | 24 | GENERAL SILKY 42 (E Moller) G Wragg 9-0 | Pat Eddery | 88 |
| 620 | (5) | 0 | ORIENTAL CHARM 13 (Lord Carrick) E Eldin 9-0 | J Quinn (5) | — |
| 621 | (1) | | PENULTIMATION (Mrs L Ward) G Harwood 9-0 | G Starkey | — |
| 623 | (11) | | POUR ENCOURAGER (T Gregory) G Lewis 9-0 | G Sexton | — |
| 626 | (14) | | SHADOW MINISTER (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 | W R Swinburn | — |
| 627 | (5) | 00000 | SHRIYON 17 (D Dionn) A Ingham 9-0 | R Cochrane | — |
| 632 | (4) | | THE TANNER (G Ward) D Arbuthnot 9-0 | M Roberts | — |
| 638 | (12) | | BLUEBELL COPSE (G Strawbridge) W Hastings-Bass 8-9 | S Cauthen | — |
| 639 | (8) | | BRENIG (J Lloyd) J Winter 8-9 | A Kimberley | — |
| 640 | (9) | | CASEY (G Leigh) L Cumani 8-9 | R Cochrane | — |
| 647 | (2) | 424 | SILENT SISTER 43 (C Blackwell) J Winter 8-9 | Paul Eddery | ● 99 |
| 651 | (17) | | SWEET VALENTINE (Mrs V Ahuja) R Smyly 8-9 | P Cook | — |
| 652 | (13) | 0 | THULIUM 43 (T Warner) M Jarvis 8-9 | B Raymond | — |

BETTING: 11-8 Shadow Minister, 5-2 General Silky, 4-1 Silent Sister, 15-2 Casey, 8-1 Penultimation, 12-1 others.

1988: ROCKFELLA 9-0 J Reid (5-4 fav) R Johnson Houghton 21 ran

**FORM** GENERAL SILKY, 4th at Ayr (6f, good to soft); earlier (9-0) 5l 2rd at Yarmouth to useful Persian Heights (9-0) (6f, £1712, good, Aug 20, 8 ran).

SILENT SISTER (8-11) had THULIUM (8-11) behind when 12l 4th of 20 to Infanta Real (8-11) at Yarmouth (6f, £964, good, Sept 17).

PENULTIMATION (Foaled: Feb 7, Cost: 16,000gns) is a half-brother to good sprinter, Rich Charlie.

SHADOW MINISTER (Foaled: Mar 5, Cost: £280,000) is out of an Argentinian mare who has produced a good American winner.

CASEY (Foaled: May 15) is out of a sprinting Habitat mare and, and is worthy of respect.

No Selection

**4.15 EBF RED LODGE MAIDEN STAKES** (Div II: 2-Y-O: £3,587: 6f) (16 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | (13) | | AL MUHALHAL (Hamdan Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0 | R Hills | — |
| 6 | (14) | | COSSACK WARRIOR (Mrs A James) R Hutchinson 9-0 | R McGhin | — |
| 7 | (5) | 020 | CRUISE SHIP 35 (A Richards) C Brittain 9-0 | S Cauthen | ● 99 |
| 10 | (4) | 0 | FAR TOO RISKY 41 (R Smyly) R Smyly 9-0 | W Ryan | — |
| 16 | (11) | | HIDDEN PLANET (Lord Cadogan) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 | G Duffield | — |
| 17 | (16) | | JUST PULHAM (C M C Carpets Ltd) B Hanbury 9-0 | P Bloomfield | — |
| 18 | (8) | 4 | MARIANO 90 (D Montagu) J Dunlop 9-0 | Pat Eddery | 92 |
| 24 | (3) | | SANDHURST PARK (T Holcroft) M Jarvis 9-0 | B Raymond | — |
| 28 | (7) | | SMITHSONIA (A Boanas) P Makin 9-0 | J Reid | — |
| 30 | (1) | | SOLO ARTIST (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 9-0 | N Day | — |
| 33 | (9) | 00 | TOT OF RYE 10 (Lady Nelson of Stafford) M Tompkins 9-0 | G Carter | — |
| 42 | (6) | | GYRATING (C Campbell Golding) J Winter 8-9 | W R Swinburn | — |
| 44 | (15) | | MATRICULATION (D Robinson) R Williams 8-9 | R Cochrane | — |
| 45 | (12) | | NEMESIA (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 8-9 | W Carson | — |
| 46 | (2) | 00 | RHODABOURNE 45 (Rhodaboume Ltd) R Casey 8-9 | P Hamblett | — |
| 50 | (10) | | STRAW CASTLE (Mrs M Sullivan) W Haggas 8-9 | M Hills | — |

BETTING: 100-30 Cruise Ship, 4-1 Al Muhalhal, 5-1 Mariano, Nemesia, 6-1 Sandhurst Park, 10-1 Just Pulham, 12-1 Gyrating, Hidden Planet, 14-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

**FORM** CRUISE SHIP has been tailed off at Ascot (7f), since running 2¾l 2nd (9-0) to Saint Nicholas (9-0) at Nottingham (6f, £1405, good, Sept 7, 26 ran).

MARIANO should improve on 7¾l Goodwood 4th (9-0) to Runnettsforfun (9-0) (6f, £4091, firm, Aug 1, 9 ran).

AL MUHALHAL (Foaled: Jan 17, Cost: $650,000) is half-brother to a couple of winners.

SOLO ARTIST (Foaled: May 21, Cost: 20,000gns) is out of a 5f winner who has produced good sprinter, Prince Sabo.

MATRICULATION (Foaled: Apr 11) is related to many juvenile scorers.

NEMESIA (Foaled: Apr 1, Cost: 560,000gns) hails from a good winner-producing family, and is full-sister to the useful Fairy Tern.

No Selection

## Course specialists

| TRAINERS | Winners | Runners | Per Cent |
|---|---|---|---|
| H Cecil | 91 | 366 | 24.9 |
| W Hern | 36 | 225 | 16.0 |
| M Stoute | 56 | 357 | 15.7 |
| L Cumani | 40 | 293 | 13.7 |
| G Harwood | 47 | 348 | 13.5 |
| H Candy | 17 | 131 | 13.0 |

| JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | Per Cent |
|---|---|---|---|
| S Cauthen | 83 | 535 | 15.5 |
| Pat Eddery | 62 | 454 | 13.7 |
| W R Swinburn | 48 | 356 | 13.5 |
| M Wigham | 7 | 52 | 13.5 |
| S Whitworth | 8 | 61 | 13.1 |
| W Carson | 57 | 469 | 12.2 |

# Cauthen extends lead to three

**Steve Cauthen increased his advantage in the jockeys' championship to three with a win on Viceroy Jester in division one of the Burwash Claiming Graduation Stakes at Folkestone yesterday.**

**Pat Eddery failed to score for the second successive day and his five defeats included the downfall of two favourites, Young Jason (second) and Fleet Footed (unplaced).**

**With only eight days of the season remaining Eddery can ill afford to concede any more ground to Cauthen, and the reigning champion will be particularly keen to break the sequence at Newmarket today where he has a marked numerical superiority in booked rides.**

**Cauthen gained his success in a photo-finish, bringing the David Elsworth-trained Viceroy Jester, blinkered for the first time, with a perfectly-timed challenge to snatch a head verdict from Sister Chabrias. He has now hardened to 13-8 on for the title with Eddery quoted at 6-5.**

TITLE RACE

| | |
|---|---|
| STEVE CAUTHEN | 190 |
| PAT EDDERY | 187 |

Winners yesterday: one. Viceroy Jester (5-2).
Rides today: four — Tay Wharf (1.15 Newmarket), All Haste (2.50), Bluebell Copse (3.50), Cruise Ship (4.15).

Winners yesterday: none.
Rides today: seven — Assatis (1.15 Newmarket), Bloffa (1.45), Timefighter (2.15), Petrizzo (2.50), Toshair Flyer (3.20), General Silky (3.50), Mariano (4.15).

*(8 Flat racing days remaining)*

DEVON & EXETER

### Selections

By Mandarin

1.15 Belliver Prince. 1.45 Anything Better. 2.15 Pearlyman. 2.45 Seaton Girl. 3.15 Gratification. 3.45 High Ridge.

**Going: good to soft**

**1.15 SACCONE & SPEED WHOLESALE LTD NOVICES HURDLE** (£1,019: 2m 1f) (18 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | -121 | | BELLIVER PRINCE 17 (F,G,S) J Baker 7-11-10 | M Williams |
| 2 | 0 | | AUGHAVOGUE 13 J Edwards 5-11-0 | T Morgan |
| 4 | 000- | | BORDER KING 216 D Elsworth 5-11-0 | C Brown |
| 8 | 0- | | CLOVEN ROCKS 249 (F) T Forster 7-11-0 | H Davies |
| 10 | PP | | ERICA'S LAST 15 J Brooks 6-11-0 | J Frost |
| 11 | 4 | | EVER HOPEFUL 21 D Barons 5-11-0 | P Nicholls |
| 12 | 330- | | FENCE JUDGE 218 T Forster 5-11-0 | L Harvey (4) |
| 14 | 0 | | FOUR FINGERS 85 D Nicholson 5-11-0 | R Dennecdy |
| 16 | 44-3 | | JINSTER 9 C Nash 5-11-0 | M Bosley (4) |
| 17 | PP/ | | KEEP FIGHTING 646 M Scudamore 5-11-0 | NON-RUNNER |
| 19 | 4- | | LE CAROTTE 317 (F) P Hobbs 5-11-0 | Peter Hobbs |
| 20 | 0- | | MILITARY TWO STEP 196 G Balding 5-11-0 | R Guest |
| 23 | 0- | | PEARLY GLEN 193 F Winter 7-11-0 | P Scudamore |
| 32 | 0- | | EMMA PEPPER 249 K Bishop 5-10-9 | P Richards |
| 35 | F/ | | HOT'N SCOPEY 527 J King 7-10-9 | S McNeill |
| 38 | 0- | | LAURA'S STAR 401 M Churches 5-10-9 | Mr D Benneyworth (7) |
| 40 | | | MONARCH ONLY W G M Turner 6-10-9 | R Arnott |
| 42 | 0/0 | | TRAVIAL GIRL M Pipe 6-10-9 | J Lower |

7-2 Belliver Prince, 9-2 Jinster, 6-1 Pearly Glen, 10-1 Travail Girl 15, 12-1 Ever Hopeful, Border King, 14-1 others.

**1.45 ST AUSTELL BREWERY COMPANY LTD NOVICES HURDLE** (4-Y-O: £1,008: 2m 1f) (18)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 83-1 | | ANYTHING BETTER 35 (F) G Balding 11-0 | A Charlton (7) |
| 4 | - | | BENISA RYDER C Horgan 11-0 | E Murphy |
| 5 | P | | BISHOPS PATH 29 C Popham 11-0 | B Powell |
| 6 | 0- | | BOLT HEAD 230 D Barons 11-0 | P Nicholls |
| 9 | | | CROWN NINE D Barons 11-0 | J Haret |
| 13 | -233 | | DARK HERITAGE 41 D Murray-Smith 11-0 | P Croucher |
| 15 | 040- | | FINE BLUE 1 (B) G Thorner 11-0 | NON-RUNNER |
| 18 | 22- | | HOPE DIAMOND 199 N Gaselee 11-0 | P Scudamore |
| 21 | 0 | | LYON COEUR 9 F Jordan 11-0 | C Smith |
| 22 | 0 | | MAUSOLEE 7 (G) R Simpson 11-0 | G McCourt |
| 25 | 20-4 | | SMILE AGAIN 22 G Gracey 11-0 | J Duggan |
| 28 | 0014 | | THATS NICE 53 (F) T Kemtor 11-0 | M Yeoman |
| 30 | 0- | | TOUR VIEILLE 195 (B) D Jermy 11-0 | R Dennis |
| 35 | 24 | | WIGEON LEA 16 R Curtis 10-9 | R Goldstein |
| 36 | | | JESTELLE J Colston 10-9 | W Haynes (7) |
| 38 | 3- | | MOORE STYLISH 158 D Ringer 10-9 | S McNeill |
| 40 | | | ROSE WINDOW J P Price 10-9 | NON-RUNNER |
| 43 | | | TWENTY PAST N Bley 10-9 | R Millman |

13-8 Anything Better, 11-4 Hope Diamond, 8-1 Mausolee, 10-1 Dark Heritage, 12-1 Bolt Head, That's Nice, 14-1 others.

**2.15 PLYMOUTH GIN HALDON GOLD CHALLENGE CUP CHASE** (Listed race: £5,517: 2m 1f) (7)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 11F- | | PEARLYMAN 209 (F,G,S) J Edwards 8-11-8 | P Scudamore |
| 5 | 18-4 | | ATATAHO 6 (D,F,S) J Roberts 11-11-0 | L Harvey (4) |
| 6 | 200- | | AUTUMN ZULU 239 (S) Miss L Bower 8-11-0 | R Rowell |
| 8 | P-09 | | HOPE GAP 15 (B,G,S) L Wenng 11-11-0 | George Knight |
| 11 | FF/0 | | PRINCE VIDAR 17 Miss P Neal 8-11-0 | A Webb |
| 13 | 122- | | VERY PROMISING 226 (F,G,S) D Nicholson 5-11-0 | R Dennecdy |
| 14 | 122- | | WESTERN SUNSET 213 (S) T Forster 11-11-0 | N Dawies |

11-8 Perlyman, 2-1 Very Promising, 11-4 Western Sunset, 12-1 Atataho, 33-1 Autumn Zulu, 50-1 others.

**2.45 BASS WEST OF ENGLAND JUVENILE SELLING HURDLE** (3-Y-O: £704: 2m 1f) (11)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 04 | | MIDNIGHT STRIKE 77 C Holmes 10-7 | A Webb |
| 6 | 0 | | NICK AND ROY 63 M Pipe 10-7 | P Scudamore |
| 7 | 0 | | OHLL SKY 23 J Bosley 10-7 | M Bosley (4) |
| 10 | 000P | | SHUKO 7 R O'Sullivan 10-7 | M Kinane |
| 13 | 0 | | LORI GARIBACZ 8 D Tucker 10-2 | S McNeill |
| 14 | 0 | | LUDLOW LADY 15 R Hodges 10-2 | B Powell |
| 15 | P0 | | MARIE BABY 7 F Jordan 10-2 | C Smith |
| 16 | 0P | | MY-ELAINE 15 M Francis 10-2 | C Cox |
| 17 | F | | ON HER TOES 8 R Frost 10-2 | C Hopwood (7) |
| 18 | 0F03 | | QUITE SO 8 D Williams 10-2 | J D

CRICKET

# England find travel and practice far from plain sailing

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Pune

If the England cricketers have their way, they will return to Bombay on Sunday by rail, aboard the romantically-named Deccan Queen. They have had enough flying for the moment, not only because of the delays that are made to seem inevitable but also the *landings, which can be a great* deal more hair-raising than any of the bowling they have faced in the World Cup.

After one aborted run at the tarmac here late on Wednesday night, the aircraft, according to one player, had to draw out to overtake a car in the high street. There was another *problem yesterday when, at* the stadium the two practice pitches, one for the Sri Lankans, the other for England, were found to be unfit for human consumption.

The ground is very rough, the ruling Congress Party having commandeered it for a major rally earlier this year and left it looking as though it had just staged the Bath and West Show. Whether the groundsman's prediction that the 22 yards which matter most will provide "an absolutely 500 runs a day pitch" is accurate remains to be seen. The practice pitches, which were either side of it, had certainly been nothing like as well prepared.

So off the two teams went to have a net at the Pune Club, where, in 1948-49, B B Nimbalkar, playing for Maharashtra against Kathiawar, made the third highest individual score in the history of first-class cricket. Only Hanif Mohammad's 499 for Karachi against Bahawalpur in 1958-59 (he was run out going for a second run off what he took, wrongly as it turned out, to be the last ball of the day) and Don Bradman's 452 not out in 415 minutes for New South Wales against Queensland in 1928-29 stand ahead of Nimbalkar's 443 not out.

WORLD CUP

Like many such clubs, once exclusively the preserve of the British, this one in Pune survives, though its glory has faded and its pitches are no longer what they must have been in Nimbalkar's day. The *scoreboard is still an English* Tallywag and the pavilion an English pavilion, but the pitches are much grassier now.

Athey got a knock on the thumb and DeFreitas on the shoulder and Jarvis was out of action again with a recurrence of his shoulder injury. When we return to Pakistan for the tour there we shall have Dilley as well as Jarvis, and that could mean a lot of overtime for someone.

In the 16 matches played in the World Cup so far, 10 have been won by the side that lost the toss and was put in to bat. With each innings being of 50 overs rather than the 60 of the three previous World Cups in England, the slog has been starting earlier, and less time has been spent concentrating on taking wickets. It is rare to see a slip after the first half-dozen overs of an innings. In other words, the cricket is as often artificial as it is frequently exciting.

Significantly, the most economical bowlers have been the spinners: Harper for West Indies, Shastri and Maninder Singh for India, Emburey for England, Traicos for Zimbabwe, and Anurasiri for Sri Lanka. For Australia on Tuesday, even Border chipped in with seven overs of orthodox left-arm "slows", and returned *better figures than any of his* regular bowlers.

Abdul Qadir's leg-breaks are a vital ingredient in Pakistan's success, while at Jaipur, in England's match against West Indies, it was Hemmings who took the vital wicket when he bowled Richards. There was credit to Gatting, too, in this, for giving Hemmings another over after Richards had just hit him twice for six.

I am not suggesting that the spinner is coming into his own again, but at least it should be dawning in certain quarters that medium pace for the sake of it, especially in India and Pakistan, is a flawed policy. It could yet be that Australia's lack of sufficiently experienced specialist spinners will count tellingly against them. Their lack of enthusiasm certainly will not. They have been impressing everyone with their unsparing efforts.

GYMNASTICS: ROTTERDAM FORM TO RAISE STANDARDS

# Bartlett to challenge Morris for title

By Peter Aykroyd

Gymnasts from the British squad that competed at last week's world championships in Rotterdam are expected to lift the *Daily Mirror* national championship at Alexandra Palace this weekend to new heights of excellence. Tomorrow the 24 finalists — 12 men and 12 women — will carry over scores from the preliminary round of compulsory exercises and tackle voluntary routines to decide the 1987 individual champions. Sunday will see the apparatus finals.

Leading the men's competition is Andrew Morris, the defending national champion. His battle with Terry Bartlett, his nearest — and longstanding — rival, will be close as he has a lead of only half a mark. Morris has held the title three times, but lost it to Bartlett in 1985. Bartlett, however, performed excellently in Rotterdam and only errors in his compulsory floor *exercise prevented him from* becoming top British scorer.

The women's title is also being defended, by the national champion, Lisa Elliott, who has a commanding lead of over a full mark from Karen Hargate, her closest challenger. Karen Kennedy is marginally in third position, so certainly the claim for silver will be hard-fought. However, Lisa Grayson and *Joanna Prescott, on form in* Rotterdam, may surprise their seniors.

LEADING CONTENDERS: Men: A Morris (Swansea), 55.825pts; T Bartlett (Southampton), 55.225; D Simpson (Liverpool), 54.825; R Edwards (Milton Keynes), 54.475; C Boyce (Swansea), 54.425.; K Childs (Bath), 53.898.Women: L Elliott (Egham), 37.825; K Hargate (Rotherham), 36.450; K Kennedy (Camberley), 36.325; M Samuel (Ebbw Vale), 36.050; L Thomas (Maidenhead), 35.625.



Defending champion: Morris will start with a half point lead

# No easy route to the top

By Peter Aykroyd

A long haul to upgrade its global status lies ahead of the British national squad following its return from last week's world championships in Rotterdam.

The team scores by both men and women were too low to gain them a place among the top 12 nations and hence qualification for the Olympic Games next year. The men's team dropped in world ranking from 17th place to 19th and the women's from 16th to 17th.

Yet on the other hand, both teams achieved higher scores at Rotterdam than they did at the previous world championships, in Montreal, two years ago.

The men, with 561.600, were 20 marks to the better. Paradoxically, if they had achieved that score at Montreal, they would have been rewarded with a coveted 11th place in the sport's first division.

Three members of the men's team were outstanding. Yet such was the strength of the opposition that Andrew Morris could attain only 75th place, Terry Bartlett 76th and Ian Shelley 80th position.

The British women, scoring *373.025, pushed their 1985 tally* up by five marks. This would not have guaranteed the team promotion in Montreal terms, but certainly demonstrated that their standards are also rising.

The basic reason why the British teams have not advanced as their qualities improve is clear. Their immediate rivals are determined to better their techniques, too.

At the same time, the frontiers of achievement are continually being pushed back by the global leaders — the Soviet Union, Romania, East Germany and China. These nations are the main innovators of new moves and sequences.

Behind these pacesetters are nations including Japan, Hungary, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Canada, West Germany and the United States, which enjoy considerable training resources. They are closely matched in technical excellence and make up the remainder of the top twelve.

However, the nations below those, which include Britain, Norway, Belgium and Australia, have to struggle to maintain their present positions, let alone advance their status. For them, the key to success is relative to the money available to back training programmes and modern facilities.

Wolfgang Boehmer, the British squad coach in Rotterdam, said yesterday: "It could take Britain up to ten years to break into the leading twelve." However, British gymnasts do now at last have a £1½ million national training centre at Lilleshall, equal to any in Europe.

RATES CAMPAIGN

# English urged to organize their survival strategy

By John Goodbody

Unlicensed sports clubs are receiving 100 per cent rates relief from 11 out of the 12 regional authorities in Scotland, thanks to a resolute campaign of lobbying. Ten of the regions are also giving 50 per cent relief for licensed clubs.

Clubs in England and Wales were yesterday warned to organize a similar strategy of opposition, when the Government harmonizes the rating throughout Britain in 1990, if they are not to find survival difficult.

Local authorities have the discretion to give rates relief but this is not mandatory and the rates vary from one area to another. In Scotland, where the new rating charges have been reassessed before the rest of the country, clubs have often been liable to pay six or seven times more than similar organizations south of the Border.

But a campaign led by Alex Gilgour, the treasurer of Kirkcaldy Rugby Club, Bill Mann, a former president of the Scottish Cricket Union, and Alan Grosset, the chairman of the Scottish Sports Association, has resulted in only Lothian, which includes Edinburgh, holding out against 100 per cent relief for unlicensed clubs. "And we are hopeful that Lothian will soon fall into line with the rest of the regional authorities," Mr. Gilgour said yesterday.

Scottish clubs have relied heavily on a Scottish local government act which says that buildings and public parks are free from rates if their use is ancillary to the park. If this legislation has had a widespread effect north of the Border, it does not apply to England and Wales.

Mr Kilgour says: "My advice to England and Wales is to sort out the mess now and get organized before 1990. In Scotland we have seen a lot of clubs closed because they did not get the relief in time. And they have not reopened."

Peter Lawson, the secretary of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, said yesterday: "Town hall rates charges are a cancer to the body of voluntary sport in this country. The Government has the power at a stroke to rid sport of this disease. If remedial action is not taken, only clubs which are well-heeled will remain in good health and able to respond to the recreational needs of the community they serve.

"The Scottish clubs have done an extraordinary job but their energy and determination should not have been needed, because the Government should make it mandatory on local authorities to give rate relief."

It was discovered during the investigation that the Glasgow Academical Club, with three rugby pitches, a cricket square and four squash courts, was paying £16,500 while the MCC was asked for £27,500 for Lord's.

The Department of the Environment has agreed that there are many anomalies in the system but states that the reason local authorities have discretionary powers is because they are in the best position to tailor the relief to the benefit of the community derived from a sports club. It has pointed out that although some do provide a valuable service to the community, there are others where membership rules are unduly restrictive or where members can afford to pay for the *facilities provided.*

RUGBY UNION

# Wales reshuffled for Eagles match

By Gerald Davies

The Welsh Rugby Union selectors have made 10 changes to the team which made its last appearance against Australia, in the play-off for third place in the World Cup, for the match against the United States Eagles at Cardiff Arms Park next Saturday.

Paul Moriarty is the only survivor amongst the forwards whilst Webbe, Hopkins and Bowen are additions. Jonathan Davies and Ieuan Evans were not considered for selection as they only had their first game of the season last Wednesday while John Devereux remains on the injured list.

In the forwards, Richard Moriarty, Anthony Buchanan and Richard Webster, who might have pushed for places, are for one reason or another, on the sidelines. As the WRU committee is awarding the game full international status, it is fair to assume that Jeremy Pugh, Stuart Russell, and Roland Phillips can be considered new caps.

Both Pugh and Russell played for the Wales B team who lost recently to France. Pugh, who captained the Breconshire team in the Eagles' first tour match, made quite an impression, but the same cannot be said of Russell. Accustomed to the No. 8 position, he was chosen as lock alongside Mark Jones, another back row forward, and their combined inexperience was clearly exposed. Being partnered now with Norster will give a truer indication of Russell's potential.

For Phillips, son of a Pembrokeshire farmer but himself a policeman who somehow escaped the clutches of the South Wales Police team and plays *instead for Neath, this is* his first representative honour at this level.

But no Welsh team, of recent years at least, can be without its riddle. Bleddyn Bowen has played 16 times for Wales in the centre and done so with such distinction that he is thought to be an essential ingredient in midfield. Mark Ring, on the other hand, has played nine times off and on at centre but without real conviction. Yet nowadays at stand-off half for Pontypool, he has scored nearly 200 points. In this topsy-turvy world of Welsh selection it is Bowen who has been chosen at stand-off half while Ring remains at centre. Present form would have suggested the reverse. Bowen, too, gets the *captaincy.*

WALES: P Thorburn (Neath), G Webbe (Bridgend), M Rees (Pontypool), K Hopkiss (Swansea), A Hadley (Cardiff), B Bowen (South Wales Police, capt), R Jones (Swansea), J Pugh (Neath), K Phillips (Neath), D Young (Swansea), R Phillips (Neath), S Russell (London Welsh), G Norster (Cardiff), R Collins (South Wales Police), P Moriarty (Swansea). Replacements: A Emyr (Swansea), A Clement (Swansea), C Jonathan (Ebbw Vale), M Pugh (South Wales Police), I Watkins (Ebbw Vale), P Davies (Llanelli). Referee: *C High (RFU).*

# Clubs seek accord on fixed League dates

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The principle of fixed Saturdays for the leading clubs in the Courage championship should have the fine details established over the next month — much to the relief of hard-pressed fixture secretaries, particularly those seeking to preserve long-standing Anglo-Welsh games.

The Senior Clubs Association met on Wednesday and, over the next week, the 36 clubs who constitute the three national divisions in the championship *will be sent circulars asking for* their comments on the latest proposals, which lay down seven Saturdays for League matches before Christmas and four after the holiday period.

Those proposals, with variations during the final month of the season, should hold good for the next six years. The Saturdays start in the second week of the season, then at fortnightly intervals rising to a crescendo of three successive Saturdays in November.

They resume in mid-January, the date which is probably most susceptible to bad weather, then hop to mid-March and the final two Saturdays are in mid-April, immediately preceding the final of the John Player Special Cup, *though the last Saturday may* cause some heartache in the London area since it will conflict with the preliminary rounds of the Middlesex seven-a-side tournament.

In that case, it will become a question of priorities and there is no doubt that the club championship should have first choice. This week, the senior clubs discussed methods of making fixtures so as to avoid, for the sake of example, Bath playing Bristol in the League and then in a traditional friendly the following week.

There are other local quirks to be avoided too: the fact that London Scottish and Richmond share a ground, for instance. Those clubs who maintain their first-division status will benefit from knowing exactly where they stand in the foreseeable future but in due course, when promotion and relegation applies equally to all, the percentage change in the lower divisions will be considerable, with two clubs at the top and two at the bottom changing.

# Pride of the Caribbean is at stake against Pakistan

From Alan Lee, Karachi

Hasib Ahsan, the Pakistan manager, has a notorious love of his own voice but not all his utterings can be dismissed as provocative or propagandist. There are times when he gets straight to the heart of an issue and yesterday, casting a benign eye over the visibly dispirited West Indians as they practised here in Karachi, he unerringly summed up their plight in a sentence.

"It takes a very long time to build a good team," he said, "but it can take only five minutes for that team to fall apart." He flashed his engaging smile and then shook his head as if in genuine sorrow. "They disintegrated against England, didn't they?"

There is, it must be said, a certain amount of smugness in Pakistan about the demise of Vivian Richards's patchwork side. The locals are wasting no time in preparing their claims to the world championship and, watching the two teams prepare at the National Stadium for today's final group B match, you would have thought the title had already changed hands.

Pakistan's session had a confident swagger to it, as well it might. Hundreds of supporters had gathered behind their net and as Imran and then Javed, heroes both, batted with cavalier abandon, a sense of hysteria set in, doubtless as a foretaste of things to come today.

One mighty blow by Imran landed a few feet from where Richards was sitting on the grass, engaged in the West Indians' established ritual of stretching exercises. Wearing his brightly-coloured, Rastafarian-style hat like a defiant crown, Richards gazed over at Imran's lordly presence.

At that moment, I would have given much to read his thoughts but Richards was not *in a mood* to communicate them. He was on a short fuse and no one needed to ask why. He neither bowled nor batted for long himself, made a justifiable complaint to Hasib about the standard of the net wicket provided, and was abrasively short with anyone who approached him, before marching off to the dressing rooms alone.

That he has taken failure badly is not in itself to be held against him. His detractors cannot have it both ways. They say he is too casual, too self-centred to lead; when he broods like this over bad results one must accept he is genuinely concerned for his players as much as for himself.

A broader, rational view of a great team's decline comes from Clyde Walcott, manager of the side and a man so closely linked with the triumphs and trials of Caribbean cricket for more than 40 years now that, unlike some, he does not see defeat as an outrageous impostor.

"Some of our players, those who have been around for a few years and enjoyed the good times, are finding it very odd to lose," he explained, choosing his words carefully. "They became depressed because they were not used to it. After all, this hasn't happened to a West Indies side for a while. The boys needed lifting and that has been done. In a day or two, they have perked up."

He brushed off the mathematical prospects of his team even now depriving England of a semi-final place. "If a miracle takes place we have a chance but we have not played well enough, as a team, to go any further. We are rebuilding. We have lost a number of top-class players at the same time and no team can withstand that without feeling some effect."

Walcott confirmed that Richards had received further depressing news, Malcolm Marshall having ruled himself out of the five-Test tour of India which follows the World Cup. Gordon Greenidge is available but, although the squad has not yet been announced Walcott confessed that there is little room for manoeuvre.

There is, of course, more at stake today than a World Cup match. The West Indies, fighting for their pride, are also fighting for a future generation of cricketers. The game in their country is in trouble, in more ways than one.

Walcott admits: "I am worried about our cricket, from grass roots upwards. We have major financial problems in the Caribbean. We lose money on every home series, our economy is weak and we are heavily in debt. The money we make from this World Cup and the tour which follows will be welcome but it is chicken-feed compared with what we really need to safeguard and nourish Caribbean cricket.

"We might pay a few debts but we will still be in the red and my worry is that while this situation hangs over us, our playing resources are suffering due to lack of opportunity. We simply can't afford to stage the matches."

Walcott's words were a disturbing reminder that, in his islands, no amount of success can buy prosperity for the game. Considering the times of transition and struggle which now inevitably lie ahead, West Indian cricket may easily be heading for a crisis far more damaging than the simple disappointment of a first failure in the World Cup.

CUP DETAILS

Group A

| | P | W | L | Pts | Rate |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| India | 5 | 4 | 1 | 16 | 5.18 |
| Australia | 5 | 4 | 1 | 16 | 5.16 |
| New Zealand | 5 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 4.99 |
| Zimbabwe | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 3.72 |

REMAINING MATCHES (India): Today (Cuttack): Australia v Zimbabwe; Tomorrow (Nagpur): India v New Zealand.

Group B

| | P | W | L | Pts | Rate |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pakistan | 5 | 5 | 0 | 20 | 5.08 |
| England | 5 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 5.11 |
| West Indies | 5 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 5.17 |
| Sri Lanka | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 3.97 |

REMAINING MATCHES: Today (Pune, India): *England v Sri Lanka; Today* (Karachi, Pakistan): Pakistan v West Indies.

● *Top two teams qualify for semi-finals. Where teams have equal number of points, their positions are determined first by number of wins, then by run rate.*

SEMI-FINALS: Nov 4 (Lahore): Winners Group B v Runners-up Group A: Nov 5 (Bombay): Winners Group A v Runners-up Group B.
FINAL: Nov 8: Calcutta.

# Passage to India row

Islamabad, (AFP) — A decision by a dozen women members of the Punjab provincial assembly to go to India to watch the World Cup final, in Calcutta on November 8, provoked an uproar. But they won the argument.

Their announcement triggered a debate which degenerated into chaos. The deputy speaker finally declared out of order a motion from a religious legislator who said that travelling without a *mehram* (male relative) was not allowed in Islam. He also said that travelling to an enemy country would hurt national prestige.

● Karachi, (Reuter) — Imran Khan, preparing to lead Pakistan into their match against West Indies, said he was sticking by his decision to retire from international cricket after the World Cup and that a hunger strike, threatened by some supporters, would not make him change his mind.

● The Pakistan manager, Haseeb Ahsan, said yesterday that his country's players could expect to make £25,000 each from payments made by the Pakistan Cricket Board and by commercial interests, if they win the World Cup final.

RUGBY LEAGUE

# Auckland issue ominous warning

By Keith Macklin

If the Great Britain coach, Malcolm Reilly, is hoping for signs and portents for his team's chances in the World Cup, he would do well to look, not at Papua New Guinea, but at the hitherto unsung tourists from the province of Auckland in New Zealand.

*The 42-0 rout of Papua New* Guinea, in the international at Wigan last Saturday should not be taken too seriously. The two victories recorded by the Auckland squad, who include many present and potential New Zealand internationals, however, are ominous for Britain. No one was unduly worried at Headingley on Saturday when Leeds went into a 22-4 lead against the tourists. Suddenly it all changed, and Auckland produced a remarkable and sustained second-half revival to win 29-25.

Auckland were expected to get their come-uppance on Tuesday night against one of the first division's top sides, Warrington. This time the New Zealanders took an early 14-2 lead, fell behind, and then produced another powerful finish to win 22-16.

These victories were recorded against two of the leading British championship contenders, teams that Reilly will look to during the next few months in his search for a squad to take to Australasia for next year's international series and the concluding games of the World Cup.

He must be disturbed by the fact that these two clubs were outlasted and eventually beaten by the powerful Aucklanders.

The Auckland squad abounds with players of international and World Cup calibre including the goal-kicking forward, Peter Brown, the back row forward and captain, Ron O'Regan, Clayton Friend, the Horos, the Ropatis and Kevin Iro, the young try-scoring sensation on the wing.

The tourists play St Helens on Sunday and still have to play what is allegedly England's — and the world's — top side, Wigan, at Central Park. If this determined Auckland squad takes these two scalps, then Reilly and his Great Britain hopefuls will really begin to worry. New Zealand already have their noses in front in the World Cup table

KARATE

# Fighting among themselves

By Nicolas Soames

The Sports Council's inquiry into the internecine strife in English karate has been damned as "inaccurate, misleading, unrealistic and biased" by Paula Mitchell, the general secretary of the Martial Arts Commission (MAC), only days before the scheduled release of the Council's final recommendations. But the Council has now decided to defer its final recommendations in order to pursue further discussions.

The inquiry, chaired by Sir Walter Winterbottom, was initiated in an attempt to heal the rift between the official governing body, the English Karate Council (EKC), a member of the Martial Arts Commission, and *the breakaway group, the* English Karate Board (EKB), which includes Britain's largest karate organization, the Karate Union of Great Britain.

It was published in June, and although the Sports Council decided to consider its findings over the autumn, a spokesman said yesterday that it had been decided not to produce any final report until a later meeting.

In the meantime, the MAC and the EKC, neither of which contributed to the original inquiry, have sent their observations on the inquiry's recommendations to the Sports Council.

Predictably, both dismiss the main recommendation, that the Sports Council sets up an English Karate Board of Control, which would act as an interim governing body of karate "until such time as an English karate governing body can be constituted."

"The Sports Council does not have the power to set up a governing body," comments the MAC response. "If the English Karate Board of Control does come about, then it must come as a result of dialogue between the parties, rather than through imposition." Barney Whelan, the chairman, and Mrs Mitchell, the general secretary, additionally warn that if the Sports Council persists with the recommendation it will have to "take up the cudgel and take on a successful governing body with the will to fight back."

This is underlined by the EKC report sent to the Sports Council by the EKC chairman, Mrs Mitchell's husband. He also argues that to set up a board of control is "outside the Sports Council's acknowledged remit", and states that the EKC "will neither be coerced not threatened into agreeing with it."

Instead, he argues for discussions to be held under a *neutral chairman* "not appointed by the Sports Council, to try to bring unity between the EKC and the EKB."

HOCKEY

# Berkshire's aim is a winning start

By Joyce Whitehead

Berkshire, the South champions, who did not have a match when the women's county championship programme began last week, are in action tomorrow and will be expected to start with a win against Oxfordshire at Southampton.

The way the matches fall in the South should mean that the top four counties — Middlesex, Surrey and Buckinghamshire are the other three — all will have four points when the weekend's programme is completed.

The Northern championship starts tomorrow with all the other counties striving to remove Lancashire from the place at the top that they have held for several years. The match between Cheshire and Yorkshire at Scholemoor could well set the standard for this tournament. This will be followed by a game between the Sheffield League and Northumberland. Two possibly one-sided encounters at Prescot, are Lancashire against the Manchester League and Lancashire Central League against Cumbria. On Sunday five counties will play at Scholemoor and four at St Helens.

All eight Western counties will be in action at Sherborne School. Cornwall have a young side and Somerset, who finished last year with the wooden spoon have made a number of changes.

A close match is expected between Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire in the Midland championship at Ilkeston tomorrow. Both had 2-0 wins last weekend. On Sunday Northamptonshire, Leicestershire, Shropshire and Bedfordshire will be at Telford and Warwickshire, Staffordshire and Worcestershire play at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham.

# Unique award for Coe

By David Miller

Sebastian Coe, the double gold medal winner in the Olympic 1,500 metres, yesterday became the first European outside Spain to receive one of the Prince of Asturias awards.

He was nominated as the first recipient of the award for sport. The Asturias awards, a Spanish equivalent of the Nobel Prizes and predominantly aimed at Latin American achievements, were initiated six years ago by Adolfo Suarez, the first Prime Minister after Franco, in collaboration with King Juan Carlos.

The awards are for science, arts, literature, social sciences, communications, Latin American cooperation and peace. The latter prize this year went to the Jesuit mayor, a former Basque, of a refugee town created south of Lima in Peru for social refugees from all over the country.

The panel for the first sports award included Manuel Santana, the former Wimbledon champion; Ladislav Kubala; José Luiz Gonzáles, *the 1,500* metres silver medal winner in Rome; Raimondo Saporta of Real Madrid; Carlos Ferrer, a Spanish IOC member; and Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the IOC.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Barclays League

Third division

Southend v Walsall (7.45) .....

Fourth division

Colchester v Darlington .....

Tranmere v Cambridge .....

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Welsh Districts XV v Sri Lanka (at Newbridge, 7.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

TOUR MATCH: BARLA XIII v Papua New Guinea (at Halifax).

OTHER SPORT

MOTOR SPORT: International Formula Ford festival (at Brands Hatch).
SNOOKER: MIM Preliminaries (at Bournemouth).
SPEEDWAY: FSO Fours championship (at Hackney, 8.0). Hexagon Trophy (at Peterborough).
SQUASH RACKETS: World team championship: *Final stages (at Albert Hall);* Spectrum open championship (at Willington, Durham).
SWIMMING: English schools championship (at Hull).
TENNIS: LTA indoor circuit (at Matchpoint Centre, Bramhall).
TRAMPOLINING: *Harmesetas World Cup* (at Crystal Palace).
WEIGHTLIFTING: Silver Dragon meeting (at Cardiff).

SPORT ON TV

BASEBALL 1987: National League: Divisional championship: Second game: San Francisco Giants v St Louis Cardinals. ITV: 4.55 a.m. (tomorrow).
BOXING: WBC Middleweight championship: Thomas Hearns (US) v Juan Roldan (Arg); Highlights of the fight shown earlier today. ITV: 11.30 p.m.
WORLD CUP CRICKET: England v Sri Lanka: Live coverage to close of play from Pune. BBC2: 5 a.m. Highlights: 6.40 p.m. (see also Sport on Friday).
GO FOR GOAL: Buckinghamshire v Kent: Knockout competition for Leisure centres from the Fountain centre, Brentford. ITV: 12 a.m.
ICE SKATING: St Ivel British junior championships from London's Lea Valley ice centre. ITV: 2 p.m.
SPORT ON FRIDAY: Cricket: Highlights of England v Sri Lanka from Pune. Squash Rackets: World team championship from the Albert Hall. Boxing: Highlights of the midweek Barrett/Duff promotion at Wembley. BBC2: 2.15-4.0 p.m.

# Downside win through

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

The questionable privilege of favouritism fell upon Downside in the St Joseph's College 15-a-side festival, held at Ipswich last weekend, in celebration of the school's founding 50 years ago.

Sixteen teams competed, the plate final going to RGS High Wycombe, who defeated Eltham (7-0) and the final proper being contested by Downside and Tiffin. Both sides scored a try, Downside's late in the match, but theirs was converted giving them the De La Salle trophy.

King William's, Isle of Man entertained George Watson's, Rossall and Pontypool College in a mini-festival last weekend. Pontypool, undefeated in their three matches, emerged as winners beating George Watson's 42-3, King William's 24-3 and Rossall 11-3.

Millfield have had a wonderful first half to the season. They have won all nine matches played, their most recent triumph being a runaway win (56-0) against Bedford Modern.

Llandovery extended them more than the scoreline (14-3) might suggest. They were only 4-3 down after facing wind and slope, but they missed five kickable penalties while camping on the Millfield fine and the winners ran in two good tries against the run of play.

Treat are also going well. They beat Uppingham (6-13) through some enterprising play and then gave the powerful Wellington (Berks) side their stiffest examination to date before losing 16-4. It was only 4-0 at the interval, but Trent had missed several kickable penalties.

FOOTBALL

# Underdogs given an opportunity to wreak more havoc

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

The twisted principle of the Littlewoods Cup is in danger of being unravelled. The competition, with its utterly absurd two-legged system in the second round, is designed to dismiss the poor with the provision of meagre financial rewards and then, by offering lavish prize money, to enrich the powerful.

Yet all but four members of the top half of the first division have already departed, with little more than loose change in their pockets. Eleven of the 20 survivors in yesterday's fourth round draw are of supposedly inferior quality and should logically have no right to have advanced so far.

**Arsenal** and **Everton**, now considered the joint-favourites to win the trophy, may indeed eventually find themselves as the only giants among a field of six other comparative dwarfs. Although they have been given home advantage, four of their first division colleagues must visit unlikely and potentially dangerous places.

**Manchester United**, for example, will travel the short distance to Gigg Lane in three weeks. Under normal circumstances, the outcome might be considered inevitable but Queens Park Rangers, the former championship leaders, have already fallen there. Alex Ferguson suggested that **Bury** "must be cock-a-hoop after their marvellous result."

He added: "We have missed the big guns which is a consolation." No one among Bury's squad, which is at present suspended half way down the third division, will relish the occasion more than McIlroy, the Northern Ireland international, who can look back on more than 400 appearances for United.

**Sheffield Wednesday**, a side that has collected a mere nine points from 13 first division fixtures so far, will go to Villa Park, the graveyard where Tottenham Hotspur's hopes lie buried. There Howard Wilkinson will oppose Graham Taylor, who deputised for him as the England B team's manager in Malta a fortnight ago.

**Luton Town** are as close to the bottom of the first division as **Ipswich Town** are to the top of the second. Since the pair will meet at Portman Road, another upset is possible. **Watford**, similarly a struggling side, could suffer the same fate at Maine Road, even if they overcome **Swindon Town** at the second attempt.

George Graham says that Stoke City will be "tough" but his diplomatic statement is heavily outweighed by the indisputable difference in talent as well as by statistics. In removing Bournemouth, Arsenal claimed a club record of 10 successive victories and have lost only once at Highbury this season.

Their conquerors, on the opening day of the season, were Liverpool, whose own unbeaten sequence was broken by their city neighbours. The thunderous domestic dispute was "always going to be 0-0 or be decided by a fortunate goal" according to Kenny Dalglish, "and we happened to be on the receiving end."

The fateful weapon was Gillespie's boot, which deflected Stevens' shot. Dalglish pointed out that Everton's two other chances were both created by his own men for Sharp but his opinion that "we never played at all" was born out of disappointment, rather than a sense of objective accuracy.

In winning the Merseyside derby for the first time in eight attempts, Everton have gained psychological comfort but Colin Harvey agreed with Dalglish that Sunday's televised fixture, also at Anfield will be "a different matter." **Leeds United** and **Oldham Athletic**, among others, should tune in. Then they will know what to expect. On second thoughts, perhaps not.

### Fourth round draw

**Arsenal v Stoke**
**Aston Villa v Sheffield Wednesday**
**Bury v Manchester United**
**Everton v Leeds or Oldham**
**Ipswich v Luton**
**Manchester City v Swindon or Watford**
**Oxford or Leicester v Wimbledon**
**Peterborough or Reading v Bradford**

*Ties to be played week commencing November 16.*

# Ageless hunt for an Australian trophy



When it comes to shooting, it seems, age is no barrier (Ian Stafford writes). The first United Kingdom women's shooting team, pictured above, is led by Ena Goodacre, a strip of a 76-year-old. Ena, along with seven colleagues (one is missing from the photograph), intend to go to Australia next April and return with the valued Florence Fergusson trophy.

First, however, the team needs a sponsor to provide £20,000 for travel, clothing and equipment. If they fail to find financial support, the trip will be in doubt and the hard training put in by the team will not bear fruit.

Shooting at distances between 200 and 1,000 yards, they hope to compete against their Australian counterparts, as well as competing individually during the Australian bicentenary fullbore rifle championships.

Ena appears to be one large contradiction. A lover of the outdoor life, she is an avid bee-keeper and pursues interests such as ornithology. Put a rifle in her hands and her tranquil life is shattered by the crash of a bullet deadly in its accuracy. She could be the next UK captain, and possibly the unlikeliest, to follow Mike Gatting's cricketing example by beating Australia on their own patch.

● The photograph shows (left to right): Tracy Fitzsimons, Belinda Moore, Frieda Day, Ena Woodacre, Irene Rowley, Mary Anderson and Jo Smith.

(Photograph: John Manning)

GOLF

# Lee breaks course record with 61

From Patricia Davies, Estoril

Robert Lee, from London, broke the course record in the Portuguese Open at Estoril with a first round of 61, eight under par, the lowest score on the European tour this season. He leads by three shots from Gordon J Brand, his playing partner, and Peter Baker, the young Midlander who is likely to be rookie of the year.

Dale Hayes, of Australia, set the previous record of 62 in 1974 when the Open was last played here. That was also the year a raw young man called Ballesteros took 89 but Lee's sights were set some 30 strokes lower, on 59. "When I birdied the 13th to go eight under par, I knew breaking 60 was on," he admitted. "But then I dropped a shot at the next where I hooked my drive against a wall and ended up in the trees. I charged my 15-foot putt for par and had to make a four-footer coming back."

Lee's hopes of equalling Al Geiberger's world-record 59 flared again when he had a birdie two at the difficult 16th but he could do no better than two par fours to finish, playing the last via the first tee after an unsuccessful effort to drive the 274 yards to the green. Disappointed though he was, the ebullient Lee had the consolation of equalling the world record for nine holes, having gone out in 27, single-putting eight times.

That was familiar territory, for he already shared that particular record with Jose-Maria Canizares: his other 27 coming at a similarly short, tricky course at Monte Carlo.

Among the players who scored more erratically was the Irishman, David Feherty. He took four putts from five feet at the fifth to record a three-over-par eight and moaned: "The hole was cut on a cliff edge." He also came within an inch of driving out of bounds at the 18th and when he tried to bounce his second shot off the clubhouse wall, he removed several lumps of plaster. In these circumstances a five, which gave him a round of 67, two under par, was little short of miraculous.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 61: R Lee. 64: G J Brand; P Baker. 66: A Sherborne. 66: M Sunesson (Swe); R Drummond; G Turner; J O'Leary. 67: C Rocca (It); J Rutledge (Can); B Marchbank (Sp); M Martin (Sp); M James; D Feherty; A Stubbs; D Llewellyn; S Torrance; J-M Canizares (Sp). 68: C Mason; S Luna (Sp); P Harrison; P Barber; H-P Thuel (WG); S Tinning (Den); B Longmuir; R Chapman; N Mitchell.

# Miss Moon eclipsed

From John Hennessy, La Manga, Spain

It fell to Corinne Dibnah, of Australia, to sound the last triumphant note of the Women's Professional Golf Association's season here yesterday. She beat Susan Moon, of the United States, at the second extra hole of the play-off for the Qualitair Spanish Open Championship.

The two players had finished the 54-hole tournament on 210, 12 under the generous par for the South course. Miss Dibnah, had a last round of 71, and Miss Moon a superb 67, the lowest score of the competition.

This was Miss Dibnah's second successive victory in a stroke-play event. Yet one's heart went out to Miss Moon, whose heart, in turn, "belongs to England." Although born in California, her folks live in the Blackpool area. She has not won a tournament since 1980 and has been plagued with physical setbacks, including two cataract operations.

Miss Dibnah, four shots ahead of Miss Moon overnight, needed a birdie four for victory at the dangerous 18th, which demands a carry over a wide ravine. In fact, she was relieved to hole from seven feet for her five and so force the play-off.

LEADING SCORES (GB unless stated): 210: C Dibnah (Aus), 69, 70, 71; S Moon (US), 72, 71, 67. 211: D Reid, 70, 72, 69. 212: P Johnson, 69, 75, 68. 213: A-M Palli (Fr), 69, 71, 73. 214: M Garner, 72, 70, 72; F Dassu (It), 69, 71, 74. 215: C Panton, 69, 71, 75. 216: A Nicholas, 73, 74, 69; T Abitbol (Sp, amateur), 75, 72, 69. 217: L Mullard (Aus), 74, 71, 72; J Soulsby, 69, 76, 72; J Howard (Zim), 72, 73, 72; K Douglas, 71, 72, 74; C Soules (Fr), 76, 68, 73.

WOOLMARK ORDER OF MERIT: Final placings (GB unless stated): 1, D Reid, £53,815; 2, L Davies, £47,151; 3, C Dibnah (Aus), £40,474; 4, A Nicholas, £36,894; 5, P Johnson, £35,718; 6, M-L Taya (Fr), £33,748; 7, K Douglas, £32,864; 8, L Naumann (Swe), £26,873; 9, J Connachan, £22,588; 10, D Dowling, £21,497.

SQUASH RACKETS

# Jahangir happy to be No. 3

By Colin McQuillan

Jahangir Khan, the former world champion, claimed yesterday, after helping demolish Singapore in the quarter-finals of the ICI Perspex World Team Championship, that he would be happy to play at third string for his country.

After Qamar Zaman had clowned his way past Anthony Chua, the Singapore third string, 9-3, 9-1, 9-2 in 27 minutes that provided time for handstands, quirky service arguments and the usual sprinkling of mildly unbelievable shots, the humorous attractions of the dead rubber option were as apparent to Jahangir as the rest.

Jahangir has been officially relisted at second string for the Pakistanis behind the new world champion, Jansher Khan. If no further evidence were available of the healthy rivalry growing between the once supreme player and the young usurper, the case was made eloquently by Jahangir's ruthless 9-5, 9-0, 9-1 dismissal of the talented Zainal Abidin yesterday at the Albert Hall and Jansher's subsequent raising of the pace to kill off Peter Hill, the best player ever to appear for Singapore, 9-1, 9-0, 9-0 in less than half an hour.

"There is no personal anger between us," Jahangir insisted later. "We are all angry with the changing of our order by the International Squash Rackets Federation and we think it wrong that we are likely to meet Austria in the semi-finals instead of the finals. But we are all determined to win for Pakistan and we will do that in any order we have to. I would play at third string if necessary."

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: Pakistan bt Singapore, 3-0 (Pakistan names first): Jahangir Khan bt Z Abadin, 9-5, 9-0, 9-1; Jansher Khan bt P Hill, 9-1, 9-0, 9-0; Qamar Zaman bt A Chua, 9-3, 9-1, 9-2. Play-offs: 9th to 16th places: Scotland bt Wales 2-1; France bt West Germany, 2-1. 17th to 24th places: Spain bt Greece, 2-1; Denmark 2, Brazil 1.

TENNIS

# Wilander's lesson for an understudy

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Antwerp

Mats Wilander, runner-up to Ivan Lendl in the French and United States championships, took 2½ hours to beat Jonas Svensson 6-4, 3-6, 10-8 in the European Community Championship (ECC) yesterday. In the third set Svensson saved six match points, spread over three games, and had a break point for a 9-8 lead.

This all-Swedish feast of ground strokes was garnished by sudden changes of pace and length, bold explorations of the angles, and much bluff and smart guesswork by both men. They hit hard, backed their hunches, and gave us a spectacle that was always admirable, always exciting, and often enchanting.

Wilander started so fast that he had to slow down a little because, in the parlance of motor racing, his tyres were burning. To change the analogy, he was like a high-powered general trying to give a junior officer a lesson in manoeuvres. Both men were moving fast and exchanging heavy fire. Svensson was doing everything right but, for a time, had little to show for it.

Svensson will be remembered for his thrilling final with Yannick Noah at Wembley last year. His forehand is formidable and his backhand down the line can be equally fierce. But he tends to be a little streaky and the hot streaks, unlike Wilander's, are not always perfectly timed. Ultimately there came one game in which the junior officer briefly faltered and the battle-hardened general plundered the ECC for £30,000 or more.

Wilander had been preceded into the well-heeled last eight club by Miloslav Mecir, Brad Gilbert, Tim Mayotte and Wojtek Fibak. Mayotte, who has reached the semi-finals of the Wimbledon and Australian championships, disposed of Joakim Nystrom and was last seen trying to look nonchalant as he submitted to the cranial fondling of a striking blonde hairdresser with an improvised salon outside the tournament office.

Gilbert, who beat Boris Becker in the United States championships, wore a natty garter and a red, white and blue shirt but, as usual, played a game that was anything but flamboyant. Anders Jarryd, runner-up to Lendl here in 1984, could not understand how a player with no big shot could so firmly tease and frustrate him. People used to feel the same way when playing Ken Rosewall.

Fibak, aged 35, seldom plays serious singles matches these days and has plunged to 392nd in the rankings. But he beat Noah 6-3, 6-0 because Noah, not for the first time, played like a shorn Samson — and a clever, deft and sound Fibak gratefully grabbed the booty. Noah had been travelling too much, often playing exhibitions for charity. He had spent his energies too freely and was drained of vitality, most obviously when serving. The crowd — packed into a stadium with more seats than Wembley and the Albert Hall put together — gave him the bird for a disgraceful performance.

RESULTS: Second round: M Wilander (Swe) bt J Svensson (Swe), 6-4, 3-6, 10-8; J McEnroe (US) bt M Jaite (Arg), 6-4, 6-4.

# FA fine Jones on disrepute charge

Vinny Jones, of Wimbledon, was fined £250 by the Football Association yesterday for bringing the game into disrepute after a newspaper article in which he was reported as once warning the Liverpool player-manager, Kenny Dalglish, that he would "bite his ear off and spit in the hole."

Jones, who pleaded guilty, appears to have escaped lightly, after Portsmouth's Mick Kennedy was earlier this season fined £3,000, with a further £2,000 suspended, for a series of similar articles.

● MUNICH: Barcelona's Welsh forward, Mark Hughes, is expected to join the West German champions, Bayern Munich, next week (AP reports). "We are looking for a striker and we have told Barcelona that we are very interested in Hughes. We expect a decision next week," the Bayern manager, Uli Hoeness, said yesterday.

● The unavailability of a piece of medical machinery is delaying the completion of Raphael Meade's transfer from Sporting Lisbon to Leeds United and the former Arsenal forward will be unable to complete medical tests until Monday at the earliest. An x-ray has revealed an undisclosed problem that requires further analysis.

● The FA Cup first round tie between Halesowen Town and Kidderminster Harriers will be all-ticket, the first time in Halesowen's history that they have done so at the Grove Recreation Ground.

● Dave Kelly, of Walsall, has opted to play for the Republic of Ireland, the birthplace of his father, rather than England. The young, Coventry-born forward has withdrawn from the England under-21 squad to meet Yugoslavia next month and accepted an offer to play for the Republic's senior team against Israel at Dalymount Park on November 10.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: G Kelly (Newcastle United), K O'Riordan (Rotherham United), C Morris (Celtic), R Whelan (Liverpool), C Hopkins (Tottenham Hotspur), M McCarthy (Celtic), K Moran (Manchester United), P McGrath (Manchester United), R Houghton (Liverpool), M Lawrenson (Liverpool), J Sheridan (Leeds United), N Quinn (Arsenal), D Kelly (Walsall), K Sheedy (Everton), J Aldridge (Liverpool), J Byrne (Queen's Park Rangers), L O'Brien (Manchester United), J Anderson (Newcastle United).

# Extra time entry for finalists

By George Ace

**Next month's TNT Gold Cup final, between unfashionable Newry Town, the team built on a shoestring, and Linfield, the Irish League champions, holds promise of a night to remember. Both semi-finals needed extra time and Linfield finally disposed of their city rivals, Glentoran, after a penalty shoot-out at Windsor Park.**

**A superb goal by Jim Cleary, the Glentoran captain, with only two minutes of normal time remaining, locked the scores at Windsor Park. Linfield had scored a minute before half-time through Martin McGaughey.**

**Glentoran, with Cleary the driving force in midfield, were unfortunate to lose but Dunlop made an excellent save of the fifth Glentoran spot-kick, taken by Morrison, and Lindsay McKeown, the dominant man in Linfield's rearguard, made the vital penalty count.**

**Earlier in the week, at the Oval, two goals by Ollie Ralph in extra time enabled Newry Town to defeat Larne 3-1.**

# Goalkeepers keep clean sheet at Eton

Schools football
By George Chesterton

For the third time running **Shrewsbury's** visit to **Eton**, before both schools dispersed for half-term, ended in a scoreless draw. Shrewsbury were unable to translate territorial advantage into goals. The hero of the day was Langlands-Pearse in the Eton goal, who was beaten only once — when the ball rebounded from the crossbar.

**Highgate** also had a draw, with **Wolverhampton GS**, both sides playing attacking football and all four goals coming in the first half. Pearson scored first for Wolverhampton but Highgate slowly worked their way back into the game and with goals from Hassan and Luka, within a minute of each other, took the lead. Allcock equalized for Wolverhampton just before half-time.

**Elizabeth College, Guernsey**, in their mainland half-term tour, went down 4-2 against Chigwell, Levy scoring three goals against them, as did Gray in the match against **Charterhouse**, where they lost by the same margin. **South Warwickshire** beat **Birmingham** to reach the fourth round of the English Schools Gillette Trophy.

# Bid to rescue Bangor is well under way

Non-League football by Paul Newman

Officials of Bangor City, who were wound up in the High Court last week because of a VAT debt of more than £17,000, yesterday put the final touches to a rescue package for the Northern Premier League club.

A new company, Bangor City 1987, set up by four former vice-presidents, has re-signed the old club's players and taken over its fixture list. The Northern Premier League, the Football Association of Wales and the local council, which owns the ground, have all given the arrangements their approval, and representatives of the new company yesterday reached agreement with the official receiver on how to deal with the old club's debts. They date back many years and are believed to amount to £100,000.

As the council owns the ground and none of the players were on contract, the old club is believed to have few assets from which to raise money to pay off the debts. Details of yesterday's agreement with the receiver were not announced, but Dave Jones, one of the new company's officials, said they had been given permission to start trading. "The future of football in Bangor looks rosy," he said.

Ian Harris, the chairman, and John Mahoney, the manager, both resigned before the club was wound up. The new company has put John Roberts, Mahoney's assistant, in temporary charge of the team. Several players received offers to join other clubs, but they all decided to re-sign for Bangor, who lie in mid-table in the league.

The local council has already indicated its commitment both to supporting the club and developing the Farrar Road ground. There are plans to seek grants towards new facilities and there is talk of installing a plastic pitch.

Even during the crisis Bangor have been getting gates of up to 500, and in the long term they are confident of success. "We don't believe that commercial possibilities have been properly exploited in the past," Jones said. "We know the club can be run on a viable basis. It will just be a question of hard work."

● Ernie Oliver, the manager of Matlock Town, has resigned because of the Northern Premier League club's poor start to the season. Joe Bolton, a senior player, has been put in temporary charge.

WEIGHTLIFTING

# Elite meet in Cardiff

By Chris Than

Eighteen countries have confirmed their entry in the Silver Dragon world cup competition at the National Sports Centre in Cardiff this weekend.

The main attraction will be provided by the fierce competition between the two superpowers of weightlifting, the Soviet Union and Bulgaria. The Bulgarians, unable to take part last year, have already arrived in Cardiff with 10 lifters, led by their world champion and record-holders, Mihail Petrov and Boris Gidikov.

The Soviet Union are to take part in the three-day event for the first time and have entered two of their leading lifters, Anatoliy Khrapaty and Yuri Zacharevich.

The Silver Dragon trophy will be presented to the lifter whose total is nearest to the world record mark in percentage.

England, Scotland and Wales have entered four lifters each. England are led by the Commonwealth Games champion, Keith Boxer, and Wales have in their 19-year-old Commonwealth record-holder, Andrew Davies, the man to challenge the East Europeans.

YACHTING

# Early winners down the list this time

Greg Irish and crew David Marsden, five-time winners at this year's Royal Bank National Youth Championships, recorded a third, a second, and a fifth placing yesterday, with John Merricks and Robert Wilson winning on two occasions.

The first of the Laser Class races was won by Paul Haswell, but in the third race of the day Andrew Bonsey's ability showed through. Having rounded the leeward mark for the last time in fourth position, his superior tactics enabled him to cross the line in first place.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS: Laser Class: Race 6: 1, P Haswell; 2, J Andrews; 3, G Fryett. Race 7: 1, P Karakusevic; 2, Haswell; 3, Fryett. Race 8: 1, A Bonsey; 2, R Gorrod; 3, A MacDonald. 420 Class: Race 6: 1, N Kirk and I Paric; 2, G Irish and D Marsden; 3, C and S Purdie. Race 7: 1, J Merrick and R Wilson; 2, Irish and Marsden; 3, M and S Pinder. Race 8: 1, Merricks and Wilson (subject to protest); 2, Kirk and Paric; 3, I Howarth and A Pugh (subject to protest).
Boardsailing: Overall: 1, A Dakin, 30.70pts; 2, M Wemms, 31.10; 3, S Keeler, 36.40; 4, J Anderson, 55.70; 5, T Williams, 63.

TENNIS

# Bates could emerge as tournament saviour

From Richard Evans, Hong Kong

If Jeremy Bates goes on playing like he did yesterday, he might just save the tournament. On a day that saw the demise of the top two seeds and the reigning champion, Bates reached the quarter-finals of the Seiko Classic with another worthy victory, this time by the score of 5-7, 6-4, 6-4, over the Puerto Rican-born Joey Rivé.

In the crown colony, being British still counts for something, especially among the tennis crowd, and Bates's victory was greeted with relief by the harassed organizers who, earlier, had seen Rivé put out the No. 1 seed, David Pate, in three sets.

That, of course, was Bates's good fortune — the fact that the top seed was removed from his path by a player who had to play twice in a day because of rain. But Rivé is a tough customer and Bates, who threw away the first set with a couple of silly shots, had to work hard to reassert himself.

"Having been a break up I was really annoyed at myself for losing that first set," Bates said. "But once I stopped worrying about my service rhythm and damp, heavy balls, everything came right. He got tired in the end, too."

Bates now has a chance of emulating his best-ever performance in a grand prix tournament, that of reaching the semi-final in Tel Aviv two years ago. He will now face the improving Dutchman, Tom Nijssen, who defeated Marty Davis in straight sets.

No sooner had the No. 2 seed, Slobodan Zivojinovic, gone down, 7-6, 3-6, 6-4, to John Ross, the muscular American, than Ramesh Krishnan, who won here last year, forfeited his match against Rick Leach, of California, with the recurrence of a leg muscle problem that has been worrying him ever since his Davis Cup heroics.

RESULTS: First round: J Rivé (US) bt D Pate (US), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; M Davis (US) bt J Carlsson (Swe), 6-2, 6-7, 6-4; J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt B Drewett (Aus), 6-2, 1-6, 8-4; R Krishan (India) bt J Levine (US), 6-2, 7-6. Second round: J Ross (US) bt S Zivojinovic (Yug), 7-6, 3-6, 6-4; D Cahill (Aus) bt G Muller (SA), 6-4, 7-6; E Teltscher (US) bt B Dyke (Aus), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; C Saceanu (WG) bt K Evernden (NZ), 6-4, 6-4; Fitzgerald bt J Pugh (US), 6-1, 7-6; R Leach (US) bt Krishnan, retired; J Bates (GB) bt Rive, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4; T Nijssen (Neth) bt M Davis (US), 7-6, 7-5.

# Teenagers contest final

Martine Pawlik, of West Germany, and Karine Quentrec, of France, will contest the final of the LTA women's indoor tournament at the Matchpoint Centre, Bramhall, today.

Pawlik, aged 17, won her semi-final against Virginnie Paquet, of France, 6-2, 7-6, despite wearing heavy strapping on her left thigh. She saved three set points in the second set, which she won 8-6 in the tie-break. Quentrec, aged 18, who was a semi-finalist in the tournament two years ago, beat Natalie Medvedeva, aged 15, of the Soviet Union, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3, winning the last four games of the match after the Soviet girl had been warned for receiving coaching from the sidelines.

RESULTS: Singles: Semi-finals: M Pawlik (WG) bt V Paquet (Fr), 6-2, 7-6; K Quentrec (Fr) bt N Medvedeva (USSR), 6-2, 2-6, 6-3. Doubles: Semi-finals: P Moreno (Hong Kong) and M Strandlund (Swe) bt C Jeall (Swe) and J Tacon (GB), 7-6, 6-3; E Manukova and N Medvedeva (USSR) bt M Ekstrand and J Jonerup (Swe), 6-4, 6-3.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S RESULTS

LITTLEWOODS CUP: Third round: Aston Villa 2, Tottenham 1; Leeds 2, Oldham 2; Liverpool 0, Everton 1; Manchester United 2, C Palace 1; Oxford United 0, Leicester City 0; Peterborough 0, Reading 0; Swindon 1, Watford 1; Wimbledon 2, Newcastle 1.

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: Preliminary round: Bristol Rovers 0, Hereford 2; Chester 2, Blackpool 1; Northampton 1, Brentford 0; Scarborough 0, Sunderland 3.

FINE FARE SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Celtic 3, Falkirk 2; Dundee 1, Morton 0; Dunfermline 0, Rangers 4; Hibernian 0, Dundee United 1; St Mirren 1, Aberdeen 3.

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: East Fife 1, Clydebank 2; Queen of the South 3, Clyde 1.

FA CUP: Fourth qualifying round replay: Welling 3, Boston United 2.

FA VASE: First round replay: Woolley Miners Welfare 0, Hatfield Main 2.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Oswestry 0, Bangor City 3; Worksop 3, Gateshead 2.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: First round: Burton 1, Shepshed Charterhouse 1; Canterbury 0, Gravesend 0 (at Thanet); Fareham 1, Waterlooville 1; Wellingborough 4, Grantham 2.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Darlington 2, Wigan 2; Preston 0, Mansfield 3; Scunthorpe 1, Doncaster 0; Stoke 1, Blackburn 1. Postponed: West Bromwich Albion v Newcastle.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Ipswich 3, Chelsea 3.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia 2, Blyth Spartans 1; Consett 2, Chester-le-Street 3; Gateshead 2, Bishop Auckland 2; Ryhope 0, Brandon 2; Shildon 1, South Bank 0; Spennymoor 1, Crook 0. Second division: Durham 3, North Allerton 2; Peterlee 1, Stockton 2.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group One: Albania 0, Romania 1. Group three: East Germany 3, Norway 1; Soviet Union 2, Iceland 0. Group five: Netherlands 8, Cyprus 0.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Barcelona 1, Atlético Madrid 2.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group eight: West Germany 4, Luxembourg 1.

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING MATCHES: Group A: Denmark 2, Poland 0. Group D: Soviet Union 4, Switzerland 2. Group E: Czechoslovakia 1, Yugoslavia 0.

TNT GOLD CUP: Semi-finals: Linfield 1, Glentoran 1 (aet; score at 90 min 1-1; Linfield won 5-4 on penalties).

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Kingsbury 2, Wembley 0. Second division south: Hackwell Heath 1, Hungerford 1.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Chippenham 1, Clevedon 2; Frome 3, Weston-super-Mare 2; Wellington 2, Heavitree 4. Postponed: Bristol Manor Farm v Radstock.

HERTS SENIOR CUP: First round: Royston 2, Tring 2 (aet).

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP: Second round: West Ham United 1, Luton Town 2.

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Group round: Exeter 9, Southampton 1.

QUEEN'S PARK SHIELD SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Dundee 3, Edinburgh 5; Strathclyde 3, Aberdeen 3; Heriot Watt 1, St Andrews 1; Stirling 2, Glasgow 3.

## RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Rosslyn Park 20, London Irish 3.

CLUB MATCHES: Bath 46, Cheltenham 3; Ebbw Vale 22, Newport 9; Maesteg 31, Penarth 0; Pontypridd 32, South Glamorgan Institute 3; Abertillery 27, Blaina 15.

TOUR MATCHES: Glamorgan Wanderers 25, US Eagles 6; Llanelli 28, Petone (NZ) 14; (in Kyoto, Japan) New Zealand 66, Asian Barbarians 3.

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Group round: Loughborough 43, Sheffield 7; Keele 9, Warwick 3.

SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Heriot Watt 8, St Andrews 39; Dundee 10, Glasgow 4; Strathclyde 15, Aberdeen 13; Stirling 3, Edinburgh 38.

## RUGBY LEAGUE

BRITISH COAL NINE-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT: Semi-finals: Castleford 20, Auckland 6; Wigan 18, St Helens 0. Final: Wigan 10, Castleford 9.

## FOR THE RECORD

### TENNIS

ZURICH: European women's indoor tournament: First round: M Maleeva (Bul) bt P Paradis (Fr), 6-1, 6-0; S Graf (WG) bt C Porwik (WG), 6-0, 6-1; C Singer (WG) bt S Meier (WG), 6-7, 6-2, 6-4; N Tauziat (Fr) bt M Javer (US), 6-1, 6-1; S Handlos (WG) bt T Schallau-Larsen (Den), 6-2, 6-2. Second round: R Reggi (It) bt C Jolissaint (Switz), 6-4, 7-5; S Graf (WG) bt J Halard (Fr), 6-1, 6-2; J Wiesner-Poetzl (Austria) bt M Provis (Aus), 6-3, 6-4; K Maleeva (Bul) bt R Marsikova (Cz), 2-3, retired; C Singer (WG) bt S Handlos (WG), 0-6, 7-6, 7-6; N Tauziat (Fr) wo C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), scratched (injured); H Mandlikova (Cz) bt I Demongeot (Fr), 6-1, 6-2.
INDIANAPOLIS: Virginia Slims women's tournament (US unless stated): Second round: H Kelesi (Can) bt M Bollegraf (Neth), 7-6, 6-3; A Smith bt A Moton, 6-1, 6-2; M Maggard (Aus) bt K Horvath, 7-5, retired; H Ter Riet (Neth) bt P Fry, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2; S Mesarin bt C Benjamin, 6-2, 6-0; E Hakami bt M Van Der Torre (Neth), 7-5, 6-1; L Meskhi (USSR) bt S Reece, 6-4, 6-3. Third round: B Potter bt M Torres, 6-3, 6-2.

### BOWLS

BLETCHLEY: Buckinghamshire 118, Hertfordshire 100.

### VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Mens: Spark, Crook Log bt Maloxy, 3-0 (15-13, 16-14, 16-14).

### GOLF

HOKOWHITU, Palmerston North: New Zealand women's foursomes championship: 150: V Thomas and J Thornhill (GB), 77, 73. 153: D Smith and T Hanson (NZ), 81, 72; B Ormsby and C Kingham (NZ), 75, 78. 156: J Wyatt and G Anderson (Can), 78, 78.
SYDNEY: Australian PGA championship: First round (Australian unless stated): 66: R Rafferty (GB). 68: B Jones, G Serhan, D Smith, I Stanley, R Mackay. 69: D Armstrong, G Alexander, T Perkmenn. Other British scores: 73: M Bembridge.
GOLF FOUNDATION SCHOOLS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying round (at Brocketshurst Manor): 1, Brocketshurst College, 222 (M Smith 69, J Bennett 77, C Martin 76); 2, Corfe Hill, Dorset, 232 (N Thompson 74, A Walker 78, L James 82); 3, Marlborough College 233 (M Uzielli 79, A Murray 76, J Hey 78). Best individual: Smith, 69.

### REAL TENNIS

HOLYPORT: Royal County of Berkshire Real Tennis Association bt The Army, 4-1 (K King bt Lt Col P Wigtte, 6-1, 6-5; B Aitken bt Col C Wynyard, 6-2, 6-4; J Cooper lost to Lt Col S Bennett, 5-6, 6-4, 5-6; R Simpson bt Lt M Shelford, 6-4, 6-2; A Buckley bt Maj I Park Weir, 6-0, 6-0.

### BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Solent Stars 102 (Brown 31, Smith 23), Hemel and Watford Royals 101 (Thomas 42, Kellybrew 22).

### BOXING

BELGRADE: World cup: Semi-finals: Bantamweight: R Brambach (EG) bt S Mwema (Ken), pts; M Marrero (Cuba) bt L Simic (Yug) pts. Featherweight: K Colakov (Bul) bt M Mane (Ken), rsf 2nd; N Muncan (USSR) bt J Torres (Cuba), pts. Lightweight: E Cuprinski (Bul) bt P Waweru (Ken), pts; J Gonzales (Cuba) bt O Nazarov (USSR), pts. Welterweight: J Lemus (Cuba) bt M Bajrovic (Yug), ko 2nd; S Mensheit (EG) bt R Napumoy (Ken), pts. Middleweight: H Maske (EG) bt Kwi Keun Kwak (S Korea), pts; A Espinosa (Cuba) bt N Redrejo (Yug), ko 2nd. Heavyweight: A van der Lijde (Neth) bt J Senio Pean (NZ), pts; F Savon (Cuba) bt R Sabyev (USSR), pts.

### CYCLING

GRENOBLE: Six-day race: Positions after final day: 1, B Vallet and C Motter (Fr), 32pts; 2, F Moser and P Bmoletto (It) 20; 3, A Doyle (GB) and E De Wilde (Bel), 12.

### FOOTBALL

HUNGARIAN LEAGUE: Raba Eto 1, PECS MSC 1; Videoton 4, Zalaegerszeg 0; Vasas 2, Budapest Honved 4; Bekescsaba 3, Siofok 2; Vac 1, Ujpest Dozsa 0; Szombathely 2, Debrecen 0; Kaposvar 0, MTK VM 7; Ferencvaros 1, Tatabanya. Leading positions: 1, Ujpest Dozsa, played 12, points 17 points: 2, Raba Eto, 12, 16; 3, Haladas, 12, 15.
MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Swansea 1, Hereford 2.

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# FA should pay penalty for playing an immoral game

COMMENTARY



David Miller
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If there were an English authority competent to do so, the licence of the Football Association to administer its sport should be withdrawn, in the same way as some disorderly gaming house. The founding organization of football has shown itself, over the Butcher affair, to be morally compromised.

Together with Lester Piggott's transgression, the disturbing implication is that sport has become dissociated from moral principles rather than synonymous with them.

The Glasgow police, on the initiative of the Scottish judicial system, have taken possession of television evidence of a Rangers match which has contravened not only the laws of the game but possibly of the land. Yet the FA is so desperate, whatever the moral price, to get the draw England need in Belgrade on November 11 that the blind eye is turned upon Butcher's involvement.

This defection from its responsibility by the FA is an encouragement to every football offender from the public park upwards and it also makes any FA appeal to UEFA for the readmittance of English clubs to Europe an act of hollow hypocrisy.

Bert Millichip, the FA chairman, has publicly admitted that the inclusion of Butcher in Bobby Robson's squad to meet Yugoslavia "is seemingly hypocritical". Sadly, it is to be expected from a governing body which over the past 15 years has revealed itself increasingly motivated by commercial rather than moral objectives.

Butcher should certainly not be permitted to play in Belgrade — though there are those who saw Yugoslavia whip Northern Ireland in Sarajevo and consider Butcher's exclusion might be to England's advantage — and if there is honour left at the FA it should admit it has made an error of judgement.

How can it look to schoolboys, teachers and junior coaches to uphold the laws of the game when it is effectively condoning malpractice? It is feeble expediency to claim that FIFA or UEFA regulations do not require Butcher's international suspension.

It is symptomatic of the times that in the same week the FA was seeking excuses for enlisting an offender to the national colours it should see no reason to honour an invitation to the unveiling in Stoke of a statue commemorating the most illustrious player, and one of the most gentlemanly, in English history: Sir Stanley Matthews.

During his phenomenal 35 years playing in the League and for his country, Matthews created for English football an image of skill, entertainment and fair play which Millichip seemingly values cheaply. Former FA chairmen and Corinthian stalwarts such as Charles Wreford Brown and Graham Doggart must turn in their graves.

I am astonished by the extent of sympathy, amounting almost to acceptance of his fraudulent financial conduct, for Piggott. We should remember that some 20 years ago Swan, Kay and Layne were jailed for football bribery that was no more deceitful than Piggott's secret bank accounts and barely secret cash bonuses.

Certainly Piggott is one of the greatest sportsmen of this century but that, by the standards of our forefathers, makes his lapse more, not less, grave. Of course, anyone with sensitivity feels sad for him in his misjudgement but he is no less immune to the law than those awaiting judgement for illegal City share dealings.

It is a common misconception that the world of sport represents everybody when in fact it represents only a proportion of the population. There are millions with no interest in horse racing, or indeed any sport, and many of those housewives who carefully save shillings in cut-price groceries and who relish a racing flutter and formerly regarded Piggott as a hero, will be horrified at last week's revelations. It is nonsense for Dick Francis to say that the rest of Britain does not regard Piggott in the same light as the Inland Revenue does.

Piggott was, he may feel, unfortunate to be caught for offences that are commonplace in racing and the bloodstock business. No doubt many jockeys, trainers and owners are this week sleeping uncomfortably. It is proper that the Minister for Sport should call for an inquiry into aspects of the Jockey Club's affairs.

We cannot complain at abuses of social security among the hard pressed, in sums of two or three figures, if the rich, successful and celebrated go unpunished for fiddles running to seven figures.

# Hitting shadows in search for Honeyghan of old

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Lloyd Honeyghan was still searching yesterday for the Lloyd Honeyghan who took the world welterweight title from Don Curry in 1986 but lost his way somewhere between his last contest against Gene Hatcher at Marbella in August and the one against Jorge Vaca, of Mexico, on Wednesday night.

No one in British boxing, neither his manager, Mickey Duff, nor trainer, Bobby Neill, nor even the shadow of the boxer sitting at the press conference knew where the world champion had gone.

The Honeyghan before the gathering said: "I just want to be by myself for a while. I just want to hang out in the street and chill out."

He said that in a couple of weeks time he would let everybody know whether he had found the old Honeyghan and whether he would be coming back.

At first Honeyghan, sporting black glasses to hide a black eye received in his defeat by Vaca at Wembley, spoke in monosyllables — yes, no, don't know — about the personal problems which appeared to have knocked the boxing out of him. "I was throwing punches for the sake of throwing punches at Vaca. I was not there," he said.

Honeyghan admitted that when he found his damaged hands were not getting better three weeks ago he wanted to pull out of the defence against Vaca. But after he was taken to a specialist Honeyghan knuckled up and trained well with special gloves. "I thought it was his hands that were troubling him," Duff said. "I knew nothing about his mental problems."

It had been thought that Honeyghan's relations with the three women and four children in his life were getting to him but it seemed that it might be rather more than just family problems. As Duff said: "He wouldn't have his problems if he knew what the answers to his problems were."

Honeyghan added: "I can not say what I am going to do until I have sorted things out." When asked what kind of things they were he said: "In my head."

About the loss of his World Boxing Council and International Boxing Federation titles he said: "That's the least of my worries. I can get them back at any time." He said that he been boxing southpaw because in America he had been preparing to switch stances to save his hands.

"But I could not set him up for the left to the head, so I thought of going down to the solar plexus." That was in the eighth round when, moving into that punch, there was a clash of heads and Vaca's right eyebrow was split. The bout was stopped and awarded to the Mexican, who was leading at the time.

"I wish he had made me mad before the fight. But he was too nice. He even came up and said hello to me. The next time, if there is a next time, the fight will not go 12 or 15 rounds. I will win."

In the meantime: "Sorry boxing, I will miss you."



Bearing up: Honeyghan reflects, Duff smiles, as the pair ponder the ex-world champion's future (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

END COLUMN

## Judging the ifs and the butts

By Srikumar Sen

Lloyd Honeyghan, who lost his World Boxing Council (WBC) and International Boxing Federation (IBF) titles at Wembley on Wednesday night, could get a chance to regain his crown as soon as he and Jorge Vaca, of Mexico, the new champion, have recovered from their injuries, some physical and some mental, and are ready to box again.

Though the WBC rules expressly forbid rematches, they can be sanctioned in controversial circumstances. Mickey Duff, Honeyghan's manager, believes he can convince the WBC that the manner of Honeyghan's defeats falls into this category. The Londoner lost the bout when he was found to be trailing on the cards of two of the three judges after his world title defence was stopped in the eighth round because an accidental butt opened up a deep, inch-long gash on the Mexican's right eyebrow.

The officials added up the scores of the seven previous rounds and deducted an extra point from Honeyghan because he had escaped injury in the clash of heads. According to WBC rules, in the event of a deliberate butt two points are deducted and in the case of an accidental head clash a single point is taken away from the uninjured party.

The nonsensical thinking behind this rule becomes plain when one sees that if Honeyghan and not Vaca had been cut he would have still been world champion as a point would have been taken away from the Mexican. "There cannot be a more controversial ending than this one," Duff said, and added that it was the first time he had seen the rule applied.

Duff maintained that the bout should have been a draw and Honeyghan as the champion awarded the contest.

The irony of Honeyghan's defeat was that he was trying to equal the post-war British record of four defences held by Jim Watt.

### Ironic precedent to head clash

Watt won the last defence, in 1980, after a serious head butt in the twelfth round had disabled Sean O'Grady, of the United States, who turned away and protested to the referee, blood pouring from the gash. The bout was allowed to continue after the butt was deemed to be accidental and Watt won a few punches later.

If the Honeyghan-Vaca bout had been held under the rules of the British Boxing Board of Control the referee would have been the sole judge and the guilty party in the clash of heads would either have been disqualified or given a severe warning and in the case of an accidental injury, the boxer who is unable to continue declared the loser. Under the British system Honeyghan would probably still have been champion for as he dipped down to land a body shot, the Mexican was coming down to meet him.

But the three world organizations all favour the idea of whoever is in front at the time of the accident to be adjudged the winner, though only the World Boxing Council has the point-deduction rule.

Duff will find it difficult proving that the ending was a controversial one just because he does not like the rule. But the London promoter can still arrange a rematch for he had the foresight to put Vaca under contract to his company for three defences if he won when contracts were exchanged for the bout with Honeyghan "It will be the first Vaca defence if the WBC permit it or it'll be the second if Lloyd wants it," Duff said.

# Taylor maintains hold over champion Davis

*From Steve Acteson, Toronto*

Dennis Taylor's convincing 5-1 victory over the defending champion, Steve Davis, in the first round of the Labatt Canadian Snooker Masters here on Wednesday night has given him the lead in the World Series standings.

And with only three wins in nine matches against the Irishman, it appears that Davis, the world champion, has found at least one opponent to whom he can rarely call the tune.

Taylor's recovery from 8-0 down to win the 1985 world championship final was his most famous victory over Davis, and although he is now 38, Davis said of him: "In terms of consistency I rate Dennis higher than anyone except Cliff Thorburn."

The match, the last of the first round, attracted a capacity audience of some 400 and Taylor, who now plays Thorburn in the semi-finals, said: "I believe a lot of players break off thinking that they can't beat Steve, and there is a very good reason for that. But I have always had a good positive attitude against him."

RESULTS: First round: J White (Eng) bt T Knowles (Eng) 5-1. Frame scores (White first): 74-26, 125-1, 74-0, 40-67, 77-22, 90-6. D Taylor (N Ire) bt S Davis (Eng), 5-1. Frame scores (Davis first): 36-70; 46-54; 37-72; 72-17; 47-73; 8-63.

# Holmes is forced to retire

By Keith Macklin

Terry Holmes, who cost Bradford Northern an £80,000 signing-on fee just under two years ago, yesterday announced his retirement from rugby league, having fought a losing battle against injuries.

Holmes, who signed for the Bradford club in December 1985, had to leave the field in the Yorkshire Cup final against Castleford earlier this month when a troublesome knee flared up again. He had had an operation on the knee during the summer, but it has become swollen on several occasions and Holmes has now accepted a specialist's advice not to play again. He and his family will return to Wales.

Holmes said: "I thought things had got better when I came back this season but the knee has been up like a balloon after every game and has been giving me a lot of pain."

Injuries have dogged Holmes throughout his career as a Wales and British Lions scrum half in rugby union and as a scrum half and loose forward in rugby league.

His first appearance in a Bradford Northern jersey proved a disastrous anti-climax when, against Swinton, he dislocated a shoulder in the early minutes.

He seemed destined to become one of the most expensive flops in the history of rugby league for, when he attempted to return, he again suffered a shoulder injury, in a reserve team game.

However, he had a special operation and at last was able to play regularly. Last season he appeared in most of Northern's matches and gave some outstanding displays at scrum half and latterly at loose forward.

A Bradford Northern director, Ronnie Herd, said: "Terry had been playing his best rugby since he joined the club and we all felt the worst was over. He will be greatly missed both as a player and as a person."

# Dutch must await UEFA decision

By Clive White

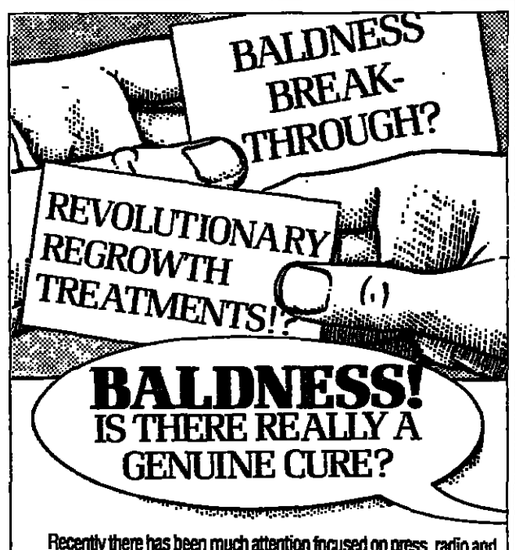
The Netherlands must wait for a fortnight before they discover whether or not their national football team have been disqualified from the finals of the European Championship following an act of violence on Wednesday in Rotterdam — just one week before the visit there of a British club.

Next Wednesday, Aberdeen attempt to protect a 2-1 first-leg lead against Feyenoord in the second round of the UEFA Cup.

UEFA's disciplinary committee meet in Zurich on November 12 or 13 to study the referee's report of the group five game, which The Netherlands won 8-0 against Cyprus. An UEFA spokesman said yesterday that he had already spoken on the telephone to the referee. The incident happened in the third minute of the match when the Cypriot goalkeeper was struck in the face by a smoke bomb and was carried from the field on a stretcher to take no further part in the game.

The Dutch FA described the incident as a "tragedy" and revealed that there was a precedent for disqualifying the Dutch, who should have been celebrating qualification with this victory. In a recent under-18 tournament, a Dutch national team were disqualified from a European final for a similar incident in the match involving Luxembourg.

There are four options open to UEFA. They can disqualify The Netherlands; award the game by a 3-0 margin to Cyprus, which would mean that the Dutch would have to go to Greece on December 16th for their last game needing a draw to outpoint the Greeks; order the match to be replayed; or merely fine the Dutch heavily. Two seasons ago, UEFA instructed that a Cup Winners' Cup match between Celtic and Rapid Vienna be replayed after crowd disturbances at Parkhead.


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# Alarm in the England camp

Pune, India — England's World Cup players have called an emergency meeting because they fear the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) may support moves to ban cricketers who have coached or played in South Africa from touring black Commonwealth countries with official Test teams (the Press Association reports).

The players will meet before next week's semi-final in Bombay, pre-empting an International Cricket Conference (ICC) select committee meeting, planned for Calcutta on November 9.

There are suggestions that cricket's rulers are edging towards a compromise. Australia is understood to be behind a new initiative for countries to respect their hosts' normal immigration laws. So those who play or coach in South Africa could not expect to be picked for an official tour of the West Indies, Pakistan, India or Sri Lanka.

Last June, the TCCB reaffirmed earlier decisions to oppose any outside interference with team selection. That stance was backed wholeheartedly by the Cricketers' Association, the players' union, and the 17 first class counties. Now there is a fear that the TCCB may go back on that decision.

"We primarily want some information about what is likely to happen at this meeting in Calcutta," the England vice-captain, John Emburey, said after discussions with the Cricketers' Association secretary, Jack Bannister.

"We want to know whether the attitude of the TCCB remains the same. Our concern is mainly for younger players and their futures," Emburey said.

The move comes despite assurances from Raman Subba Row, chairman of the TCCB, who said: "Our stand is clear. The Board has no intention of backing down over its non-interference policy."

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## Lincoln fracas to get police investigation

Lincolnshire police said yesterday that they are investigating the violence at Wednesday's GM Vauxhall Conference match between Lincoln City and Barnet at Sincil Bank, in which police officers had to break up fighting between players on the pitch (a Special Correspondent writes).

Barry Fry, the Barnet manager, was escorted from the field after joining the fracas. Seven officers were needed to assist Trevor West, the referee, in restoring order. Barnet, who lost 2-1, had already had two players sent off.

No arrests were made, but Norman Leeds, Lincolnshire's assistant chief constable, said the investigation would cover "the activities of players and management with a view to establishing whether or not any offences were committed.

"When that investigation has been completed, appropriate action will be taken."

## Trust donates £250,000 for crime studies

The Football Trust and Oxford University yesterday launched a scheme to research the causes of crime among young people, especially in inner cities. The Trust, whose income comes from the spot-the-ball competitions run by the pools companies, is to provide £250,000 to the University's centre for criminological research.

The scheme includes the funding of a three-year, post-doctoral research fellowship to investigate crime committed by young people and will also study the part organised activities — especially football — can play in combating it.

● Police in Glasgow who are investigating incidents on and off the field during the Rangers-Celtic match at Ibrox on October 17th, in which three players were sent off, have interviewed the referee, Jim Duncan. His linesmen, Gordon Suttie and Peter Hunter, have also given statements.

SPORT IN BRIEF

## McKenzie must wait

Britain will have to wait a little longer than expected for the chance to have a world boxing champion again. After Lloyd Honeyghan's defeat on Wednesday, Duke McKenzie, the flyweight from Croydon, has heard that his challenge to Sot Chitalada, of Thailand, has been put back. The bout was due to be at Wembley on November 17, but Chitalada has influenza and the contest is now likely to go on at the start of December.

## Conway clear

Kevin Conway, the Telford Tigers ice hockey player, has been cleared by the police of deliberately shooting a puck into the crowd during his debut game on Saturday. The puck broke the nose of girl in the crowd, but after watching a video of the match against Cardiff Devils, Telford police have closed their investigation.



Hill: injured during training

## Delayed ban

Des Drummond, Warrington's Great Britain winger, will be allowed to play in Sunday's match at Hull Kingston Rovers. Drummond faces an automatic one-match ban after collecting his third "sin bin" dismissal in Tuesday's defeat by Auckland. But the suspension will not start until the next Rugby League disciplinary committee meeting, on November 12, with Drummond missing the John Player Trophy tie at Carlisle three days later.

## Shoulder wins

Alex Baumann, Canada's double Olympic champion, is to retire from competitive swimming. Baumann, aged 23, has given up a five-year battle against a nagging shoulder injury. He won both 200m and 400m individual medley gold medals at the 1984 Los Angeles Games.

## Hill sidelined

Richard Hill, the Bath captain, has pulled a hamstring in training and may be out of the game for the next three weeks. The former England captain and scrum half is replaced by Steve Knight for the home game on Saturday with Vale of Lune.

## Captain again

Chris Cowdrey has been confirmed as Kent cricket captain for the fourth successive season and the county has also offered a one-year contract to Matthew Fleming, aged 22, who was previously captain of the army cricket team.

# Fund ends Becker ties

New York (AP) — Unicef, the United Nations Children's Fund, has severed its links with Boris Becker because of the West German tennis player's refusal to condemn apartheid and promise never to play again in South Africa.

Horst Cerni, a Unicef spokesman, said that Becker's 18-month association had been terminated. When 15, Becker played as a junior for West Germany in South Africa in 1984 but has not been there since. His manager, Ion Tiriac, said he regarded signing such a statement as an ultimatum.

